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### **Fairview Hospital Named Among 20 Top Critical Access Hospitals in the U.S.**

Fairview Hospital, an affiliate of Berkshire Health Systems in Great Barrington, has been named one of the 20 highest-ranked critical access hospitals (CAHs) in the country as determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health and announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA).

Fairview achieved two Top 20 recognition awards, the first for Overall Hospital Performance based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX and its eight indices: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and finance. The second award was for best practice achievement for Patient Perspective: a rating of hospital performance based on percentile rank across all 10 HCAHPS domains.

Executive Vice President, Anthony Rinaldi, Jr., applauds the people who serve at Fairview. “Every person on our team has played an important role in Fairview’s performance by providing our patients excellent care. We are thrilled to receive this national recognition which is a result of the commitment every individual brings to their work each day to exceed our patients’ expectations.”

The hospital has been invited to an awards ceremony that will be held during [NRHA’s Critical Access Hospital Conference](#) in September in Kansas City, Mo.

The Chartis Center for Rural Health’s National Leader, Michael Topchik, said, “Despite unprecedented adversity, rural providers continue to display resiliency and a steadfast commitment to their communities. We are delighted to recognize the exceptional performance and innovation of this year’s recipients, in light of the extraordinary challenges facing America’s rural health safety net.”

With over 100 rural hospitals closing in the United States between 2013 and 2021, according to the Government Accountability Office, the Hospital Strength Index considers the strength and sustainability of rural healthcare by focusing on the patient experience, quality of care, affordability, and financial sustainability.

Over the course of the last 12 years, the INDEX has established itself as the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging publicly

available data, the INDEX is trusted by rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints, hospital associations and state offices of rural health across the country to measure and monitor performance across a variety of areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

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