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Barrett Hospital & HealthCare Designated by National Rural Health Association as a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital

Only Critical Access Hospital in Montana Honored in 2021

Dillon, MT., May 05, 2021—Barrett Hospital & HealthCare’s CEO Ken Westman received notification that Barrett Hospital & HealthCare has earned a spot again for being an overall Top 20 Critical Access Hospital and for being the only critical access hospital from Montana recognized. The Top 20 Critical Access Hospital news was announced by Donna Douglas, spokesperson for the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), which is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

“We are proud of the efforts and dedication from our providers, staff, volunteers and board,” said Barrett’s Chief Executive Officer Ken Westman in response to the good news. “This designation is both a testament to the high-quality, patient-centered care available at our hospital and to the skill and dedication of our team. We are honored to serve the community and embrace the trust our patients have in us.”

The data analysis used to determine the National Rural Health Association’s (NRHA) Top 20 CAH winners is specifically developed to assess healthcare delivery in vulnerable populations, particularly those in rural communities. Top 20 Critical Access Hospital recipients are those who have achieved success in overall performance that is based on a rating from eight indicators of strength: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, cost, charge and financial efficiency. Being a NRHA Top 20 Critical Access Hospital means Barrett Hospital & HealthCare overall out-performs 99% of the 1,300 critical access hospitals in the nation. In addition, Barrett’s charges are extremely competitive. The Hospital is proud of the fact that it is in the top 3% of rural hospitals in the nation for the lowest charges.

“We are doing something spot-on here in Southwest Montana,” said Westman. “When Barrett Hospital & HealthCare is frequently recognized with a designation like this it shows our commitment to deliver exceptional quality and health outcomes, top patient satisfaction, and affordable care the community needs now and well into the future.”

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