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## **Barrett Hospital & HealthCare Recognized as One of the 100 Highest Ranked Critical Access Hospital's in the Nation in 2021**

**Dillon, MT., March 05, 2021**– Barrett Hospital & HealthCare announces it has been recognized again as one of the 100 highest ranked Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the nation. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> time Barrett Hospital & HealthCare has been named a Chartis Center for Rural Health Top 100 Critical Access Hospital out of more than 1,300 critical access hospitals in the nation.

"In order to earn our patient's trust and loyalty, we are continually striving to improve our care. Patients have become more personally involved in their healthcare decisions, ensuring firsthand that they receive the most value for their investment and the best possible overall patient experience when they need care," stated Ken Westman, CEO Barrett Hospital & HealthCare. "What differentiates Barrett Hospital & HealthCare from many health care organizations is that the needs of the patient come first. This award is based on the whole picture of how we perform, from adherence to quality standards that result in excellent health outcomes to ensuring a consistently great experience along with keeping our charges extremely competitive. We are proud of the fact that we are in the top 3% of rural hospitals in the nation for the lowest charges."

Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, this 11th annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation's rural hospitals based on the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX®. Over the course of the last eleven years, the INDEX has grown to become the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Based entirely on public data and utilizing 36 independent indicators, the INDEX assesses rural hospitals across eight pillars of performance, including market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and financial efficiency.

In addition to The Chartis Center for Rural Health Top 100 Critical Access Hospital award, Barrett Hospital & HealthCare has also been a four-time recipient of the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) Top 20 CAHs. There are only six critical access hospitals in the nation that have achieved Top 20 national ranking four times, and Barrett Hospital & HealthCare is proud to be among this elite group.

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