

## 2021 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital



### **Wishek Hospital is Honored by The Chartis Center for Rural Health as a 2021 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital**

**South Central Health-Wishek Hospital** in **Wishek, ND** today announced it has been recognized as a 2021 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital. Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, this 11<sup>th</sup> annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation's rural hospitals based on the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX®.

"Receiving this designation is so rewarding and so humbling for a small hospital in rural North Dakota," said Beverly Vilhauer, South Central CEO. "We strive to provide quality care with concern and compassion every day and I am so proud of the staff for achieving this award."

"The Top 100 program continues to illuminate strategies and innovation for delivering higher quality care and better outcomes within rural communities," said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "We are delighted to be able to spotlight the efforts of these facilities through the INDEX framework."

Over the course of the last 11 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. The INDEX framework is widely used across the nation by independent rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints and state offices of rural health, which provide access to INDEX analytics through grant-funded initiatives.