

## **OCHC Named a 2018 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital**

**Ottawa County Health Center** was recently named one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

“This achievement is very gratifying and validates our daily commitment to providing the best healthcare possible to our community, while maintaining an efficient and effective facility,” said Jody Parks, OCHC Administrator.

OCHC scored in the top 100 of Critical Access Hospitals on iVantage Health Analytics’ Hospital Strength INDEX®. The INDEX is the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural provider performance and its results are the basis for many of rural healthcare’s most prominent awards, advocacy efforts and legislative initiatives. The list of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals can be found at [www.ivantageindex.com/top-performing-hospitals](http://www.ivantageindex.com/top-performing-hospitals).

The Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals play a key role in providing a safety net to communities across America – and the INDEX measures these facilities across eight pillars of hospital strength: Inpatient Share Ranking, Outpatient Share Ranking, Cost, Charge, Quality, Outcomes, Patient Perspective, and Financial Stability.

“The Hospital Strength INDEX provides a true benchmark for helping rural providers to better understand performance levels and identify areas of improvement. When we look across the spectrum of rural-relevant INDEX indicators, the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals are establishing a new standard for how to deliver higher quality care to their communities despite an unpredictable healthcare environment,” said Michael Topchik, National Leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

OCHC offers comprehensive services including acute care, skilled care, and a 24-hour emergency room. Outpatient services such as X-Ray, CT, Lab, PT, OT, Respiratory Therapy, and Cardiac Rehab are also available. For patients that have procedures or surgeries in larger neighboring hospitals, they can choose to come “home” for the skilled rehabilitation services they need. The nursing and therapy staff can provide a continuum of care by offering inpatient and outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapy rehabilitation. “We are dedicated to offering local healthcare services that allow our community members to receive the care they need closer to home,” said Parks.