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### **Newman Regional Health Recognized with 2019 Performance Leadership Award in Outcomes**

(Emporia, KS) — As part of National Rural Health Day, Newman Regional Health was recognized by The Chartis Center of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence in Outcomes. Based on the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX from iVantage Health Analytics, the Performance Leadership Awards reflect top quartile performance among all rural hospitals in the United States in either Quality, Outcomes or Patient Perspective.

“Newman Regional Health is fortunate to have a Board and Medical Staff focused on constantly improving the services we provide,” says Newman Regional Health Chief Executive Officer, Bob Wright. “Our new emergency room, clinical decision unit and express care are visible expressions of that focus, but more important are the less visible and often unseen efforts of our Board and Physician quality committees. Additionally, physicians, employees and volunteers help identify and implement process changes that drive the success and recognitions we continue to receive.”

Newman Regional Health’s Chief Quality Officer, Cathy Pimple, states “Newman Regional Health delivers high-quality services efficiently and affordably, and helps keep patients close to loved ones during episodes of care. Our staff provides competent and compassionate care for the medical and surgical needs of our community. We focus on patient-centered care with continuous quality improvement and strive to create an outstanding patient experience.”

The Hospital Strength INDEX is the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging data from publicly available data sources, the INDEX aggregates data from 50 rural-relevant metrics across eight pillars of performance. Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020, the INDEX serves as the data foundation for a number of industry-leading rural recognition programs and legislative initiatives.

“This recognition reflects the work of our community’s rural health heroes. We can celebrate the power of rural health and the difference it is making in the well-being of our community,” Pimple continues.

“National Rural Health Day has come to symbolize not just the vital role healthcare providers play in rural communities, but the dedication and hard work that goes into overcoming the unique healthcare challenges that exist across rural America,” said Teryl Eisinger, Chief Executive Officer, NOSORH. “We are proud of the work of the State Offices of Rural Health, their partners and rural hospitals to improve care across the nation.”

“Each year, National Rural Health Day serves as a terrific backdrop for celebrating the power of rural and recognizing rural providers who continue to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to delivering quality care within their communities,” said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for



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Rural Health. “We are delighted to be recognizing these top quartile performers in partnership with NOSORH.”

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**About Newman Regional Health:** Newman Regional Health is a not-for-profit 25-bed Critical Access Hospital owned by the citizens of Lyon County, Kansas. Recognized as a Level 4 Trauma Center, Newman Regional Health provides inpatient acute and medical rehabilitation services along with a full range of emergency and outpatient care to patients of all ages in Lyon County and surrounding areas in East Central Kansas. Newman Regional Health offers 24/7 care with a newly renovated, state-of-the-art 19-bed emergency room and 10-bed Clinical Decision Unit. With a mission to improve health in the community by providing high quality care and a vision to be a valued, trusted partner and regional provider of exemplary services, Newman Regional Health receives recognition as a top Critical Access Hospital each year.

#### **About NOSORH**

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) was established in 1995 to assist State Offices of Rural Health in their efforts to improve access to, and the quality of, health care for America’s 57 million rural citizens. NOSORH enhances the capacity of SORHs to do this by supporting the development of state and community rural health leaders; creating and facilitating state, regional and national partnerships that foster information sharing and spur rural health-related programs/activities; and enhancing access to quality healthcare services in rural communities.

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