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 **Philip Health Services Designated a 2022 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital
by The Chartis Center for Rural Health**

**March 10, 2022 – Philip Health Services** in **Philip, SD,** today announced it has been recognized as a 2022 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital. Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, this annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation’s critical access hospitals based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX™.

“This recognition by The Chartis Group commends each caregiver and physician for outstanding dedication to quality patient care. It is a privilege to work with this talented and courageous team. Throughout the pandemic the PHS team demonstrated a constant willingness to learn new methods and work through adversity. Our goal is ensuring patients are cared for in the best possible place, with the best possible care,” said Jeremy Schultes, CEO Philip Health Services.

“Despite unprecedented adversity rural providers continue to display resiliency and a steadfast commitment to their communities,” said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. “Honoring the Top 100 is one of the highpoints of our year. We are delighted to recognize the exceptional performance and innovation of this year’s recipients, particularly in light of the extraordinary challenges facing America’s rural health safety net.”

Over the course of the last 12 years, the INDEX has established itself as the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging publicly available data, the INDEX is trusted by rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints, hospital associations and state offices of rural health across the country to measure and monitor performance across a variety of areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

Philip Health Services encompasses a complete rural health care system with a hospital, medical clinic, nursing home, memory care home, assisted living center and a satellite clinic in Kadoka. The Hans P. Peterson Memorial Hospital was established in 1953 with the help of Philip, SD rancher and philanthropist, Hans P. Peterson. Mr. Peterson deeded his ranch so that the hospital could be built to serve the rural Philip area, and members of the community joined together to raise funds to complete the hospital. Philip Health Services is dedicated to the Philip area community through hope, healing and comfort.

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