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Scenic Bluffs Scores High in HRSA Report

In a recent report from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers of Cashton and Norwalk came out with above average rankings in comparison to health centers across the nation. Every year HRSA compiles statistics to review the operation and performance of health centers. Once the numbers are compiled, the thousands of health centers are then ranked with an equivalent from the highest performing centers (1 = top 25%) to the lowest performing centers (4 = bottom 25%).

The different categories tracked can range from patient populations and statistics to quality of care, health outcomes or disease management. Requiring health centers to track this data is a great way to measure effectiveness. Plus it holds centers to a level of accountability to insure the best care and practices are being implemented with government dollars.

“The board of directors and staff at Scenic Bluffs takes pride in providing high quality primary care, and reports such as this prove that we are on track,” says Executive Director, Mari Freiberg. Six of the nine categories that Scenic Bluffs was eligible for ranking in were given a top percentile score, with no scores falling into the lowest percentile. Some examples of these categories are wellness exams, long term work with diabetic and hypertensive patients as well as tobacco intervention and cessation.

The purpose of the national rankings is to provide health centers with information on their relative performance compared to other health centers. Although Scenic Bluffs has independent missions and goals, the checks and balances such as this report help confirm our processes are working based on the highest standards of today’s health care field. For more information on the 2011 UDS report visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/index.html>.