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Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital honored with National 5-Star Rating

Excellence in rural healthcare

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MANISIQUE – Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital is proud to announce it has been recognized with a coveted 5-Star Rating for the fourth quarter of 2025 from the National Rural Rating System (NRRS), a national program designed to highlight outstanding performance among rural and critical access hospitals. This distinction places the hospital among a select group of top-performing facilities committed to delivering exceptional care and patient experiences.

This national honor reflects the hospital's unwavering focus on high patient satisfaction and the consistent delivery of compassionate, community-centered care. The NRRS evaluates hospitals on rigorous measures aligned with patient experience surveys and overall hospital performance.

"Receiving a national 5-Star Rating motivates us to continue raising the bar for rural healthcare," said Robert Mach, CEO of Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital. "We are proud of our team's dedication to quality, safety, and patient experience—and we remain focused on strengthening access to exceptional care close to home."

The rating acknowledges Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital long-standing commitment to meeting the unique healthcare needs of rural communities—often in environments with limited resources yet extraordinary community responsibility. The achievement underscores the skill, resilience, and passion of the hospital's clinical and support teams.

Brock Slabach, COO of the National Rural Health Association, commended this year's top-ranked hospitals, noting, "These awards really shine a spotlight on the heart and hard work that our rural hospitals bring to their communities. Rural healthcare comes with unique challenges, and reaching this level of excellence shows not only the clinical expertise but also the deep commitment these hospitals have to the people they serve. This recognition celebrates rural healthcare as a source of strength, compassion, and healing—right where it's needed most."

Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital extends its sincere gratitude to its dedicated employees, providers, and care teams, whose daily commitment to patient well-being made this achievement possible. Their efforts continue to strengthen the hospital's mission and deepen its impact on the community.

Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital is a critical access hospital and Rural Health Clinic serving the residents of Schoolcraft County and surrounding areas for 75 years. Dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality healthcare, SMH offers a wide range of services, from primary care and emergency services to advanced imaging and specialty care. To learn more, visit www.scmh.org.