



Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: McVile, North Dakota

Nelson County Health System

Quick Facts

Administrator:
Samantha Harding

Chief of Medical Staff:
Dr. Erling Martinson

Board Chair: Ivan Berg

City Population:
322 (2019 Estimate)¹

County Population:
2,879 (2019 Estimate)¹

County Median Household Income:
\$52,039 (2019 Estimate)¹

County Median Age:
52.4 (2019 Estimate)¹

Service Area Population:
Nelson County and part of Griggs County

Owned by: Non-profit

Hospital Beds: 19

Skilled Nursing Facility Beds: 35

Trauma Level: V

Critical Access Hospital Designation: 2000

Economic Impact on the Community*

Employment:
Primary – 92
Secondary – 46
Total – 138

Financial:
Primary – \$2.6 Million
Secondary – \$1.3 Million
Total – \$3.9 Million

Mission Statement:

Enhance the health status and quality of life for peoples and communities served.

Vision Statement:

Provide leadership, working in partnership with others, to ensure continued access to a quality continuum of health care and related services.

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Nelson County Health System – Hospital is a 19 bed Primary Care Critical Access Hospital certified by Medicare and Medicaid. Offering 24 hour acute care, swing bed, emergency care, and respite services and staffed by a dedicated team of licensed and certified professional staff, including our physicians, nurse practitioner, nurses, technicians, and therapists.

Services:

Nelson County Health System provides the following services directly through the hospital:

- 24 hour ER Service
- Advance trauma life support
- Advanced cardiac life support
- Paramedic transfers
- General acute medical inpatient care
- Inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services
- Cardiac rehabilitation program
- General diagnostic services
- Swing bed care program
- Respite care program
- Diabetes education
- Respiratory therapy
- Sleep apnea studies
- Outpatient medical treatment
- Chiropractic care
- Podiatry
- Digital Radiology/EKG
- Mobile CAT Scan
- Digital mammography
- DexScan services (bone density test)
- Mobile ultrasound
- Skilled nursing services
- Speech therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- QSP/ Home Health Program

Nelson County Health System provides the following services through contract or agreement:

- Assisted living
- Physical services
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Hospice
- Social services
- Nurse aid services/personal care
- Home oxygen therapy
- Home health
- Home care services

Staffing

Physicians:	1
Nurse Practitioners:	3
PAs:	1
RNs:	7
LPNs:	2
Ancillary Personnel:	78
Total Employees:	102

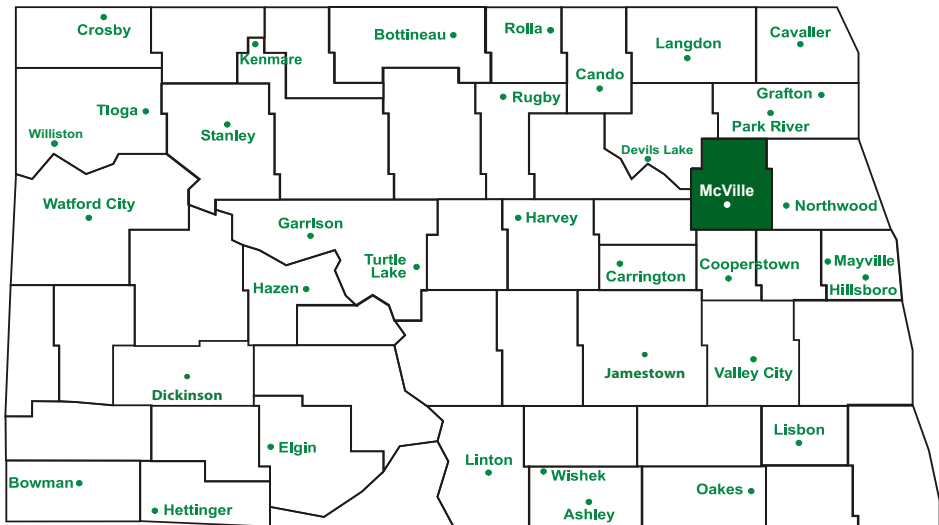
Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Sources

- Center for Rural Health
 - SHIP Grant (Small Hospital Improvement Program)
 - Flex Grant (Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program)
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota

Sources

- 1 - US Census Bureau; American Factfinder; Community Facts
- 2 - Economic Impact 2020 Center for Rural Health Oklahoma State University and Center for Rural Health University of North Dakota

North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals



History:

Construction on the McVillage Community Hospital began in 1916 and was dedicated on Tuesday, February 6, 1917. It was given the name “Community Hospital” because, according to Mr E. C. Olsgaard, then president of the board, emphasized that the institution was not built by McVillage alone nor for McVillage alone but was given its name because it was built by the entire community and for a community as large as its service can reach. Dr A.O Arneson began practicing as a physician in McVillage in 1906. He continued until his death in 1942. Following Dr. Arneson’s death, Dr. Muus began his practice. In 1957 a 6 bed addition was constructed onto the hospital. It was modernized in 1974, the original unit razed, and a replacement built. Nelson County Health Center Care Center was dedicated on July 3, 1963 and was originally designed to serve the area as a Rehabilitation Center. In April of 1966, the Center was purchased by Friendship Homes Inc., and began to serve as a skilled nursing home. The City of McVillage purchased the Center on January 1, 1998. It is a 39 bed facility offering skilled nursing care, rehabilitation, hospice, and respite care. The clinic facility in McVillage was completed in 1968 and Dr. Dale Iverson was welcomed to the community as physician in 1970. Currently it is staffed by one physician and a nurse practitioner. In 1972, the name was changed from Community Hospital at McVillage to Community Hospital in Nelson County and an effort was made to better serve the health needs of the entire area. In 1974, the assets of the hospital were deeded to the city of McVillage in order to better enable the financing of the building project. Since that time, the debt has been retired and the hospital has been deeded back to the organization. The name was later changed to Nelson County Health System.

In 2000, the hospital was designated as a 19-bed Critical Access Hospital with a swing bed program. This allowed cost-based reimbursement and improved efficiencies. The McVillage Medical Clinic became a Rural Health Clinic. In a time of changing healthcare and financing in rural areas, changes continue to be made in services provided by NCHS. A 12-unit assisted living facility was opened in 2011.

Recreation:

McVillage has a number of recreational facilities. We offer an excellent nine-hole grass green municipal golf course, lighted baseball/softball field, paved running track, and football field. The McVillage Dam facility located east of town offers swimming, fishing, camping, and small horsepower boating. Our newly paved, well lighted streets, top ranked schools, churches, clinic, hospital, and nursing home, and a new restaurant all contribute to our better way of life. McVillage maintains a local “McVillage Channel” to keep you up to date on what is happening around the area. The region abounds in outdoor activities – including hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling.



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