



Critical Access Hospital Profile Spotlight on: McVille, North Dakota

Nelson County Health System

Administrator:

Samantha Harding

Chief of Medical Staff:

Dr. Erling Martinson

Board Chair:

Dee Lillehaugen

City Population:

375 (2024 estimate)¹

County Population:

3,015 (2020 estimate)¹

**County Median Household
Income:**

\$62,219 (2024 estimate)¹

County Median Age:

50 (2022 estimate)¹

Service Area Population:

Nelson County and part of
Griggs County

Owned by: Nonprofit**Hospital Beds:** 19**Skilled Nursing Facility**

Beds: 35

Trauma Level: V**Critical Access Hospital**

Designation: 2000

Mission

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 healthcare and related services.

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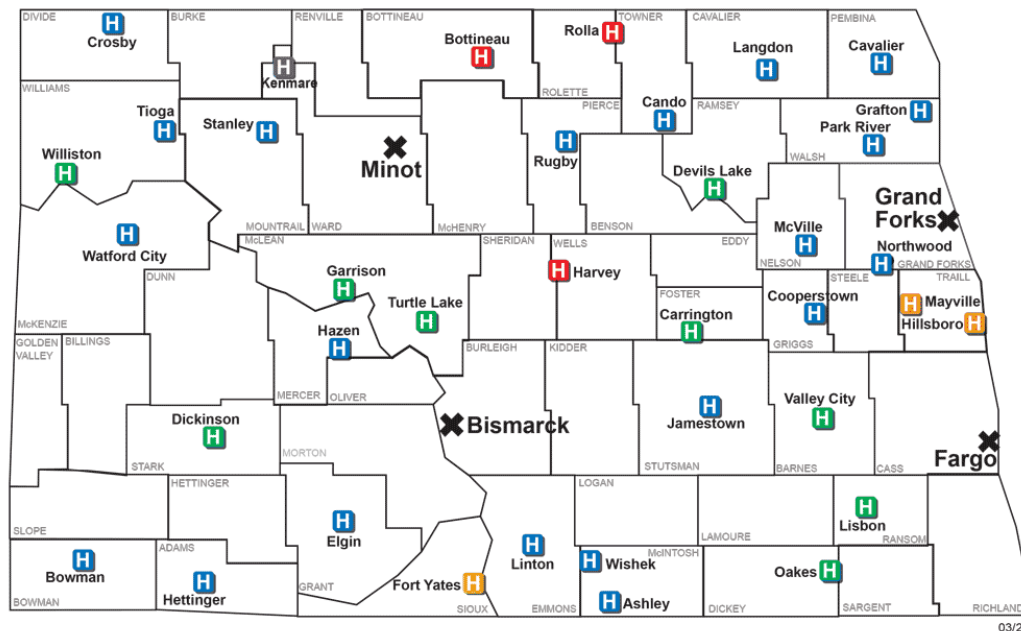
Nelson County Health System is a 19-bed primary care Critical Access Hospital (CAH) certified by Medicare and Medicaid. It offers 24-hour acute care, swing bed, emergency care, and respite services and is staffed by a dedicated team of licensed and certified professional staff, including our physicians, 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
- Assisted living
- 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
- Digital radiology/EKG
- Mobile CAT scan
- Digital mammography
- DexScan services (bone density test)
- Mobile ultrasound
- Skilled nursing services
- QSP/ home health program
- VA transportation
- Dementia education
- Telemedicine
- Holter monitoring
- Zio patch
- Physical therapy services
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Hospice

North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals



- Hospital Ownership**
- H Independently owned
 - H CommonSpirit Health
 - H Sanford Health
 - H Sisters of Mary of the Presentation Health System
 - H Trinity
 - H Indian Health Services

History

Construction on the McVillage Community Hospital began in 1916 and was dedicated on February 6, 1917. It was given the name “Community Hospital” because 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 35 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 CAH 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.

Staff

Physicians: 1
Nurse Practitioners: 3
PAs: 0
RNs: 7
LPNs: 1
Ancillary Personnel: 78
Total Employees: 102

Sources

¹ US Census Bureau; American Factfinder; Community Facts



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