



Critical Access Hospital Profile

Watford City, North Dakota

McKenzie County Healthcare Systems

Quick Facts

Administrator / CEO:
Daniel Kelly

Chief of Medical Staff:
Dr. Gary Ramage

Board Chair: Patsy Levang

City Population:
6,912 (2019 estimate)¹

County Population:
15,024 (2019 estimate)¹

County Median Household Income:
77,845 (2019 estimate)¹

County Median Age:
30.1 years (2019 estimate)¹

Service Area Population:
12,000 (45 mile radius)

Owned by: Nonprofit

Hospital Beds: 24

Skilled Nursing Facility Beds: 47

Trauma Level: V

Critical Access Hospital Designation: 1999

Economic Impact on the County²

Employment Impact:
Direct – 195
Secondary – 62
Total – 257

Financial Impact:
Direct – \$17.5 million
Secondary – \$3.57 million
Total – \$21 million

Mission

Our commitment is to the patients and their families, whatever their needs may be. Our goal is to achieve the highest level of healthcare for these patients and their families. We are rural USA, therefore, we provide hometown values committed to quality services, continuity of care, assurance of qualified staff, and family involvement for individual patients and clients.

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McKenzie County Healthcare Systems, Inc. (MCHS), supported by the Christian churches in our community, is a 24 bed Medicare certified hospital, offering swing bed program services. Dedicated to a healing ministry, we are committed to excellence and service in a person-centered environment that respects the human life of all, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, disability, pregnancy, sex and/or marital status.

MCHS supports a team approach to effectively and efficiently meeting the needs of our patients and their families. Evidence-based nursing practice is an important element of quality care at MCHS. The nursing staff incorporates evidence based decision making to optimize outcomes for patients, improve clinical practice, achieve cost-effective nursing care, and ensure accountability in decision making.

Services

McKenzie County Healthcare Systems provides the following services directly:

- Emergency Services
- Nursing
- Radiology (MRI, CT, X-Ray, US, Dexa)
- Physical Therapy
- Cardiac Rehab
- Laboratory Services
- Pulmonary Rehab
- Respiratory Therapy
- Nutrition Services
- Swing Bed
- Respite Care
- Rural Health Clinic
- Wellness Center
- Specialty Clinics: Orthopedics, General Surgery, Urology
- Surgery Department
- Inpatient Pharmacy
- Hospitalist Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Nursing Home
- Assisted Living

McKenzie County Healthcare Systems provides the following services through contract or agreement:

- Speech Therapy
- ECHO
- Ear nose throat

Staffing

Physicians:	10
Nurse Practitioners:	3
PAs:	0
RNs:	29
LPNs:	4
Total Employees:	228

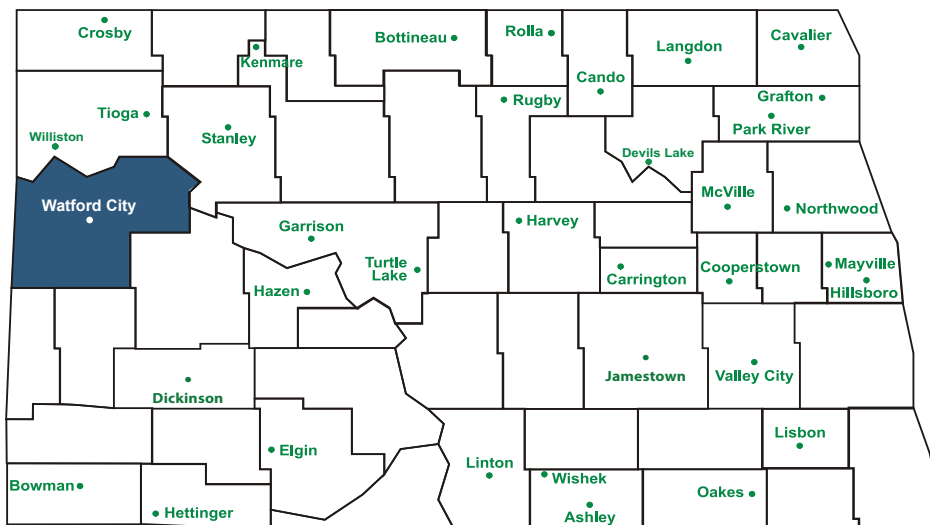
Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Sources

- Center for Rural Health
 - SHIP Grant (Small Hospital Improvement Program)
 - Flex Grant (Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program)
- MDU Resource Foundation

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

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History

McKenzie County Healthcare Systems was born on July 1, 2004 with the merger of the Good Shepherd Home Corporation and the McKenzie County Memorial Hospital Corporation. This resulted in the consolidation of all healthcare services in McKenzie County. McKenzie County Healthcare Systems consists of McKenzie County Memorial Hospital, McKenzie County Clinic, Good Shepherd Home Nursing Home, Horizon Assisted Living and Healthy Hearts Wellness Center. Our goal is to provide our rural communities with access to quality healthcare.

McKenzie County Memorial Hospital officially opened its doors on March 10, 1952. Dr. A.H. Lamal was the first physician with Mrs. Royce Gravert, R.N. as the Administrator. New building additions were added in 1963 and 1977. In 1986, the McKenzie County Clinic opened across the street from the hospital, under the experienced eye of Dr. G.D. Ebel. The Healthy Hearts Wellness Center was opened in 1992 to provide the community with a work-out center.

The Good Shepherd Home was opened on January 8, 1964. The Lutheran Churches of McKenzie County, in conjunction with the Arnegard Old Folks Home, had a vision of providing Christian care to the aging residents of their community. The first board of directors included Lee Stenehjem, Murphy Ecklund, Ivan Omlid, Sidney Swenson, and Paul Berge. In 1994, the Basic Care Addition was added. In 1986, the Heritage Senior Apartments were added, and in 2002 the Horizon Assisted Living Facility opened their doors. In late 2017 the nursing home moved and in July 2018 MCHS moved into their newly constructed building.

The Connie Wold Wellness Center is part of McKenzie County HealthCare System. The Wellness Center's mission is to provide an environment that promotes health and well-being by caring for the entire body and mind through exercise and nutrition.

Recreation

Watford City is in west central North Dakota, just 40 miles from the Montana border. The economic base of the area relies primarily on farming, ranching, and oil and gas related industries. Two elementary schools and a high school provide educational services to the community. Within 50 to 125 miles of the city, post-secondary opportunities are available from four state-affiliated universities. The city park system includes several parks, a swimming pool, hockey rink, tennis courts and softball complex. A nine-hole golf course is only two miles east of town. Lake Sakakawea, the world's largest man-made lake, is 25 miles north, with outstanding opportunities for fishing, sailing and other water sports. The North Dakota Badlands and Theodore Roosevelt National Park's North Unit are 15 miles south, offering spectacular scenery, hiking, camping, and canoeing on the Little Missouri River.



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