



## Critical Access Hospital Profile Spotlight on: Rugby, North Dakota

# Heart of America Medical Center

**Administrator:**  
Erik Christenson

**Chief of Medical Staff:**  
Dr. Josalynne Hoff Rue

**Board Chair:** Wayne Trottier

**City Population:**  
2,724 (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Population:**  
4,126 (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Median Household  
Income:**  
\$55,660 (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Median Age:**  
45.8 years (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**Service Area Population:**  
13,000

**Owned by:** Nonprofit

**Hospital Beds:** 18

**Skilled Nursing Facility  
Beds:** 52

**Trauma Level:** V

**Critical Access Hospital  
Designation:** 2007

### Mission:

To advance the well-being of our communities through compassionate, patient-centered care.

**County:** Pierce

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The newly constructed hospital facility complements our long-standing presence, enhancing the services we provide. The new facility, recently opened in September 2024, houses a multitude of services. Services include major and minor surgery, comprehensive laboratory and X-ray facilities, and a level V-certified emergency room which has over 2,000 annual visits.

Heart of America Medical Center is dedicated to delivering quality, individualized nursing home care, featuring a licensed 60-bed basic care facility and a 37-unit assisted living center.

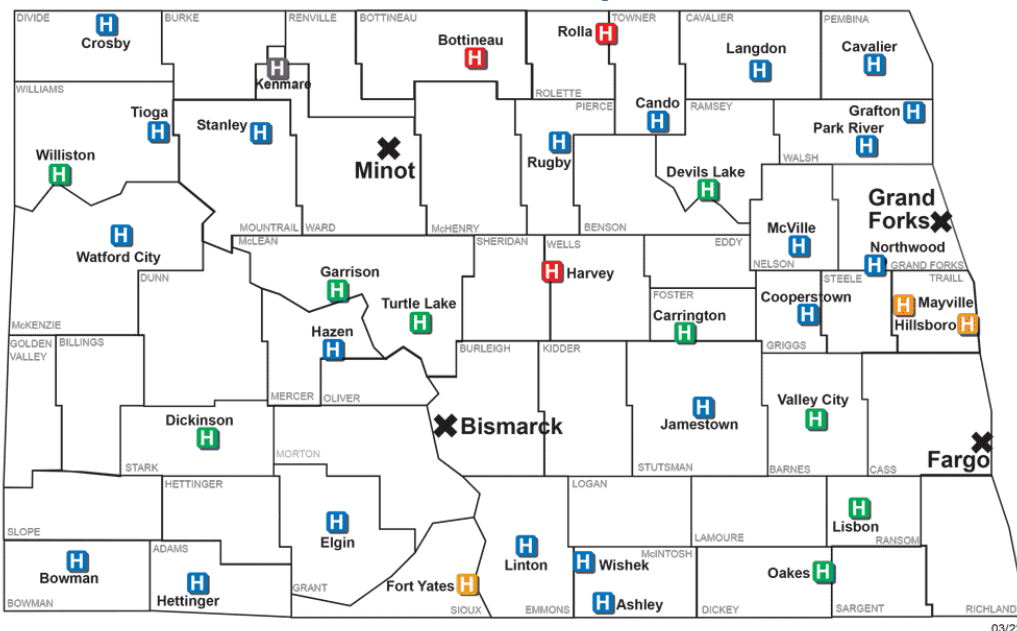
In 2010, Heart of America Medical Center merged with Johnson Clinics in Rugby, Dunseith, and Maddock to expand their coverage area. The Johnson Clinics have since been rebranded as the Medical Clinics of their respective areas.

### Services:

Heart of America Medical Center provides the following services:

- **Emergency services**
- **Acute care**
- **Swing bed services**
- **EMS services**
- **Home care services**
- **Hospice**
- **PRO Care (Home Med Equipment)**
- **Medical – post surgical care**
- **Surgical services**
- **Social services**
- **Dietary**
- **Radiology**
- **Mammography**
- **Laboratory**
- **Clinic prenatal care**
- **Chemotherapy infusion**
- **Telemedicine**
- **Diabetes education**
- **Cardiology**
- **Outpatient wellness center**
- **Sports medicine**
- **Rehabilitative services**
- **Cardiac rehab & stress tests**
- **Occupational therapy**
- **Physical therapy**
- **Respiratory therapy**
- **Durable medical equipment**

# 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

## Staff

- Physicians: 2**
- Nurse Practitioners: 7**
- PAs: 4**
- CRNAs: 1**
- RNs: 39**
- LPNs: 18**
- Ancillary Personnel: 205**
- Total Employees: 276**

## Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Sources

- Center for Rural Health
  - SHIP Grant (Small Hospital Improvement Program)
- CoBank, a US Farm Credit Services Financial Institution
- CVB 1% Grant
- Disaster Services of Pierce County – Homeland Security
- Enbridge Pipeline, Minot and BNSF
- First International Bank & Trust
- Fraternal Order of Eagles (Rugby)
- Helmsley
- Ottertail Power Company Community Connections
- Otto Bremer Foundation
- NDTC Dollars in Motion
- Pat-NOW! Community Fund by ND Farm Credit Services
- Pierce County Endowment Fund
- Rugby Amateur Hockey Association
- Rugby Endowment Fund
- Rugby Jaycees
- Rugby Lions Club
- Rugby Job Development Authority
- Rural Community Grant Fund
- Inspirts Community Health Foundation – Twice Blessed Campaign
- Thrivent Financial
- USDA RD Community Facilities Grant and Loan Program

## History

Established in 1910 by a group of dedicated ministers, this non-profit medical center is sustained by 20 area churches of all denominations which comprise the Good Samaritan Hospital Association. It is with continual commitment to excellence that the Heart of America Medical Center brings personalized quality care, education, community service, and innovative programs with a sense of hometown healing.

## Recreation

Rugby, located in north-central North Dakota, is about two and a half hours from Bismarck and four hours from Fargo. The community is served by the Minot Airport, which is just an hour away, as well as the local Amtrak's train service. Additionally, Rugby is known as the gateway to the International Peace Garden, situated along the U.S./Canadian border, making it a unique destination for visitors interested in both natural beauty and cross-border experiences.

Rugby's economy is primarily driven by agriculture, with manufacturing retail trade, health services, professional services, and transportation following closely behind. The Rugby community supports both private and public-school opportunities, along with access to higher education at nearby colleges. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy the Turtle Mountains for recreational activities, while local lakes offer fishing, swimming, and camping. Community facilities include parks, an indoor swimming pool, splash pad, indoor and outdoor skating rinks, ball fields, tennis courts, trap shooting range, golf course, and paved walking path and nature trail. Notable attractions feature the Prairie Village Museum, the Pierce County Courthouse, the authentically restored Amtrak Dept, and Victorian Dress Museum. The Northern Lights Tower is especially appealing with its multi-colored beans which beautifully simulates the Northern Lights. For shopping, Rugby offers unique gift shops and exclusive boutiques.

## Sources

<sup>1</sup> US Census Bureau; American Factfinder; Community Facts

