Critical Access Hospital Profile
Spotlight on: Carrington, North Dakota

Catholic Health Initiatives

Carrington Health Center

Quick Facts

Administrator: Mariann Doeling
Chief of Medical Staff: Dr. Todd Schaffer
Board Chair: Rueben Weigelt
City Population: 2,098 (2007 estimate)
County Population: 3,447 (2008 estimate)
County Median Household Income: $41,954 (2007 estimate)
County Median Age: 40.5 years (2000)
Service Area Population: 8,000
Owned by: Nonprofit
Hospital Beds: 25
Basic Care Beds: 24
Trauma Level: V

Mission:
The mission of Carrington Health Center and Catholic Health Initiatives is to nurture the healing ministry of the Church by bringing it new life, energy and viability in the 21st century. Fidelity to the Gospel urges us to emphasize human dignity and social justice as we move toward the creation of healthier communities.

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Carrington Health Center is a modern Critical Access Hospital with all private rooms that has offered healthcare in the community for over 93 years with continued Catholic Health Care sponsorship. The health care is all encompassing and Carrington Health Center offers it with quality and person-centered care. Nursing staff is cross trained to all areas of healthcare in the facility. Excellent radiology and lab departments offer a wide variety of services including in-house CAT Scan, Ultrasound, and mammography in addition to basic radiographs and fluoroscopy. The physical therapy department complements our many other services. Carrington Health Center offers a wide variety of services including an attached basic care unit, a hospital-owned ambulance with Advance Life Support capabilities, a full-service hospice, as well as two rural health clinics. Several regional specialists rotate their services at Carrington Health Center at the clinic and in the hospital setting, offering total patient care.

Carrington Health Center provides the following services directly:

- Hospital and Clinic Services
- Ambulance Service
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Physical Therapy
- Chemotherapy/Antibiotic Therapy
- Diabetic Services
- Emergency Room
- Endoscopes
- General Lab Services
- Dexa Scans
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Radiology
- Respiratory Therapy
- Social Services
- Speech Therapy - Special for pediatrics
- Hearing
- Sleep Apnea Studies
- Hospice
- Home Health

*Employment and financial impacts were estimated using economic multipliers derived from MIG 2007 IMPLAN data.
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History:
The Carrington Hospital Association was chartered in 1915 and the Stockowners’ Association built the original hospital the following year.

In 1941, the hospital was leased to the Presentation Sisters of the Diocese of Fargo. A larger, more modern facility was soon needed, and in 1956 a newly constructed building was dedicated. Ownership of this building was transferred to the Presentation Sisters in the mid 1970’s.

The original hospital was then used as a nursing home care unit. In 1964, the Presentation Sisters built a skilled and intermediate nursing facility called Holy Family Guest Home which is currently as 24-bed basic care unit known as Holy Family Villa.

The present hospital was constructed and occupied in 1986 and was known to be one of the most modern and up-to-date facilities in the state of North Dakota. In June of 1993, the Foster County Medical Center was merged with the Health Center and re-designated as a Rural Health Clinic.

In 1980, the Sisters joined with Catholic Health Corporation of Omaha. In 1996 the Presentation Sisters, along with two other Catholic Health Systems, formed a corporation known as Catholic Health Initiatives. This organization represents ten religious congregations and has a presence in 74 communities and 21 states, which includes 83 hospitals and 50 long term care facilities.

Recreation:
Carrington is in east central North Dakota, just two hours from four major cities in North Dakota including Fargo, Minot, Grand Forks, and Bismarck, North Dakota’s capital and second largest city. Its strong economy is based on agri-business, service industries and retail trade. Carrington Public School System provides an excellent curriculum for students K-12 that includes a wide variety of sports and music-theatre; adult education programs are also offered. The park board maintains four city parks, ball diamonds and picnic tables, a swimming pool, a shooting range and tennis courts. In 2003 Cross Roads Golf Course opened, which is a beautiful well-kept eighteen-hole golf course. There is a youth recreation center that includes an in-house movie theatre. An eight lane bowling alley opened in August 2008 and includes a meeting room, a space for entertaining guests for special occasions as well as a sandwich bar. Several recreation areas are available within a 30-minute drive of the city. This community offers excellent hunting and fishing opportunities.

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