



CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL RECOGNITION: FY2016 INNOVATION IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Hansford County Hospital District

Spearman, Texas

[Hansford County Hospital District \(HCHD\)](#), located in Spearman, Texas, collaborated with Northwest Central Texas Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Resources, Inc. to create a program that arms registered nurses with the knowledge and training of an emergency medical technician with a class titled *RN to Basic*.



Hansford County Hospital District CEO and staff receive CAH Recognition Certificate from the Texas Flex Program.

Positive Outcomes

- Reduced emergency room wait times
- Improved utilization of local EMS due to increased staffing and decreased costs of care
- Increased collaboration and mutual support across city, county and state boundaries

Top Accomplishments

EMS in West Texas has a history of collaboration and mutual support across city, county and state boundaries. HCHD expects to continue this project and collaborate with the other entities that were involved from the beginning. Jonathan Bailey, Chief Executive Officer, shares that this class is just one example of the innovative approaches to addressing rural health:

"The RN to Basic class is just one example of the innovative strategies rural health care providers must utilize to meet our unique staffing challenges. HCHD is extremely honored to receive this award and we feel it shows our commitment to providing quality health care to our patients and our community."