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Lilypad® Announces the 2023 Top Rural Health Clinics

Portland, ME, February 5, 2023 - [Lilypad®](#), a leading healthcare analytics firm, is proud to announce the 2023 [Lilypad Awards](#), the first and only ranking program for our nation's 5,000+ rural health clinics. The Lilypad Awards recognize the Rural Health Clinics that outperform their rural primary care practice peers in terms of efficiency and operational excellence.

Utilizing data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid program to calculate rural-relevant metrics across five domains, the Lilypad Awards provide a comprehensive and objective assessment of rural health clinic performance. The Lilypad Awards and Lilypad's Practice Operations National Database (POND®) programs are used nationally by rural clinics, State Offices of Rural Health, regional healthcare systems and rural hospitals to measure and monitor rural primary care practice performance. They serve as the foundation for several state and national rural primary care performance improvement initiatives.

In many cases Rural Health Clinics receive enhanced reimbursement from government payers such as Medicare and Medicaid as a means of sustaining financial solvency. Rural Health Clinics must meet one or more healthcare shortage designations to be eligible for the program and generally are categorized as either provider-based (owned by a hospital with 50 or fewer beds) or independent. The Lilypad Awards evaluate both provider types to produce a comprehensive ranking system for every Rural Health Clinic in the nation. The Top Five organizations in each of five geographic regions have earned the 2023 Lilypad Award Top Clinic recognition. The [full list of clinics](#) that have earned 2023 "Lilies" is available at the Lilypad website and are listed in the Addendum to this press release.

"Rural health clinics operate in a new environment with the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act," said Gregory Wolf, founder and President of Lilypad, LLC. "Both provider-based and independent clinics had their reimbursement models reengineered. The new payment levels and structure offer strategic opportunities and financial advantages for some practices, yet create massive challenges for others. Rural health clinics that can achieve efficiencies, increase productivity and demonstrate value will be well positioned for success. The Lilypad Awards provide a platform to evaluate and compare performance among small rural primary care practices."

About Lilypad. Lilypad is a Maine-based analytics firm founded in 2011 to provide mobile and web-based performance improvement applications for healthcare provider organizations and State Offices of Rural Health. We adhere to a core business principle that accountable leaders require sound data and simple, innovative tools to be successful in their roles within the emerging value-based care delivery environment.

ADDENDUM

2023 Lilypad® Awards Clinics

Northeast (Region A)

Provider-based RHCs			Independent RHCs		

Southeast (Region B)

Provider-based RHCs			Independent RHCs		

Midwest (Region C)

Provider-based RHCs			Independent RHCs		

Southwest (Region D)

Provider-based RHCs			Independent RHCs		

Northwest (Region E)

Provider-based RHCs			Independent RHCs		