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Frontera Healthcare Earns Prestigious National Behavioral Health Award, Ranks in Top 30% of Health Centers Nationwide for Quality

Brady, Texas - August 15, 2025 — Frontera Healthcare is proud to announce it has received the **National Quality Leader – Behavioral Health (NQL–BH)** award from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), a distinction earned by only **10 health centers in Texas** and a select group nationwide. This award recognizes health centers that achieve the nation's highest benchmarks in behavioral health care- including depression screening and treatment, follow-up care, and early intervention- demonstrating exceptional commitment to the mental and emotional well-being of patients.

In addition, Frontera Healthcare has been ranked in the **top 30% of health centers nationwide for overall quality measures** for the third consecutive year. This ranking is based on HRSA's rigorous national standards for clinical outcomes, preventive care, and patient services, highlighting Frontera's consistent delivery of high-quality, patient-centered care across all areas of health.

These recognitions are not only a testament to the dedication of Frontera's staff, but also to the powerful community partnerships that make this work possible. Our collaboration with **Methodist Hospital Hill Country** has been instrumental in supporting and strengthening our care efforts throughout the region. Through the generosity of the **Texas Wine Auction**, we've been able to expand our behavioral health reach and launch initiatives to make mental health services more accessible across the Hill Country. Our active participation in the **Hill Country Mental Health Coalition** helps unite local resources and strategies for mental health, and our monthly meetings with county stakeholder teams ensure we are consistently listening to and responding to the evolving needs of our communities.

Frontera Healthcare is also investing in the future of care by expanding and improving facilities across the region. In Fredericksburg, our clinic has moved into a larger location to meet growing patient demand, alongside the opening of a dedicated Behavioral Health clinic to provide specialized services. Renovations and enhancements in Brady and Mason have created modern, accessible, and welcoming spaces for care. In addition, our school-based service sites in Junction and Menard continue to break down barriers to care by bringing essential health services directly to students and families.

“These awards are not just a reflection of our team’s hard work — they are a testament to the power of collaboration,” said Mikki Hand, MSN, FNP-C Executive Director of Frontera Healthcare. “By working hand-in-hand with our partners and investing in our communities, we can continue to deliver high-quality care that meets the needs of every patient we serve.”

For more information on the awards, visit: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/initiatives/advancing-health-center-excellence/community-health-quality-recognition-chqr-overview>