



Colorado Rural Health Center

"Enhancing healthcare services in Colorado by providing information, education, linkages, tools & energy toward addressing rural healthcare issues."

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So you want to find out more about RURAL HEALTH CLINICS...

- ❖ In order to be certified as an RHC, your clinic must be located in an underserved area - either a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or Medically Underserved Area (MUA). You will need to get a letter verifying your status. If you don't know your status, or know your status and need this letter, contact the agency responsible for designating and tracking HPSAs and MUAs:

Kitty Stevens, Director
Primary Care Office
CDPHE, FCHSD, RPH-A4
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246-1530
Phone: (303) 692-2582
Fax: (303) 758-3448

- ❖ The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is the agency responsible for certification. They can send you information about RHCs and how to start the certification process:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
Attn: Judy Hughes, Program Manager
Health Facilities Division – A2
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246-1530
Phone: (303) 692-2908
Fax: (303) 691-7822

** This agency cannot help with billing questions. You'll need to contact your fiscal intermediary.*

- ❖ After you submit the necessary forms and the HPSA/MUA verification letter to the Health Facilities Division, they will arrange an on-site inspection. If all goes well, they will submit their recommendation to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS, formerly HCFA) for certification.

Misc. Notes:

To be certified as an RHC, among other requirements, your clinic must:

- ◆ Be located in a HPSA or MUA;
- ◆ Be located in a non-urban area and
- ◆ Employ a midlevel provider 50% of the time the clinic is open.