

CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: Estes Park, Colorado Estes Park Medical Center

The Colorado Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Program is administered by the Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC). The Colorado CAH Profiles have been developed to inform, update, and share the successes and challenges of all CAHs in Colorado.

Mission:

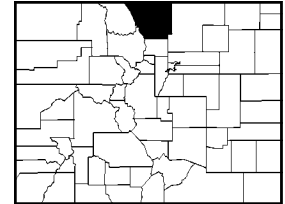
The Mission of the Estes Park Medical Center is to provide excellent healthcare and promote community wellness in the Estes Valley.

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Quick Facts

CAH Certification Date:
June 2001

Administrator:
Robert Austin, CEO

Chief Clinical Officer:
Marcia DePriest

Board Chair:
Philip Moenning

Employees: 315

City Population: 5,921

**Service Area
Population:** 11,508

Owned by:
Park Hospital District

Hospital Beds: 25

Long-Term Care Beds:
60

Trauma Level: IV

How Has CAH Status Affected the Hospital?

	2 yrs prior to CAH	2 yrs after CAH
Average Daily Census	3.66	3.53
Operating Margin	2.47%	-8.46%
FTEs	216	161
Medicare Charges	\$3,810,411	\$7,289,998
Medicare Acute ALOS	3.53	2.46

A study was conducted for 10 Colorado CAHs comparing data from two years prior to conversion to two years after conversion. Results revealed that on average for the 10 hospitals:

- Gross Medicare revenue increased by 29%
- Net Medicare revenue increased by 45%
- Patient service margin increased by 2.71%
- Swing bed discharges increased by 26%
- Swing bed patient days increased by 49%
- Number of employees decreased by 3 FTEs

This information was extracted from the Colorado Health and Hospital Association's DATABANK system.

Network Development Affiliate:

Poudre Valley Health System/Park Hospital District - Fort Collins, CO to include: Recruitment, Management, Group Purchasing, Education, and VHA.

CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

- October 2001:** Hired consulting firm to prepare interim Medicare cost report; purchased cost reporting software to incorporate new programming into current billing System.
- March 2003:** Utilized Medicare cost reporting from accounting firm.
- EMS August 2003:** Developed and implemented multiple casualty incident plan and training program.
- January 2004:** Hired consultant to assist in the development of a hospital strategic plan.
- EMS January 2004:** Conducted EMS training; developed pediatric program; purchased PALS toolkit, PEPP resource manuals and training equipment.
- November 2004:** Hired consultants to determine potential healthcare capital improvement projects.
- EMS April 2005:** Created and implemented continuing education Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Training (PHTLS) class for additional training in the handling of trauma patients.
- November 2005:** Consulting fees associated with the implementation of Centralized Scheduling module toward EMR conversion.
- November 2006:** Neonatal training for nurses.

The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC)

The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is a diverse mix of people, programs, and places interested in Colorado's rural healthcare. The Center's mission is to enhance healthcare services by providing information, education, linkages, tools and energy toward addressing rural healthcare issues. The CRHC serves as the State Office of Rural Health, yet remains an independent, non-profit organization.

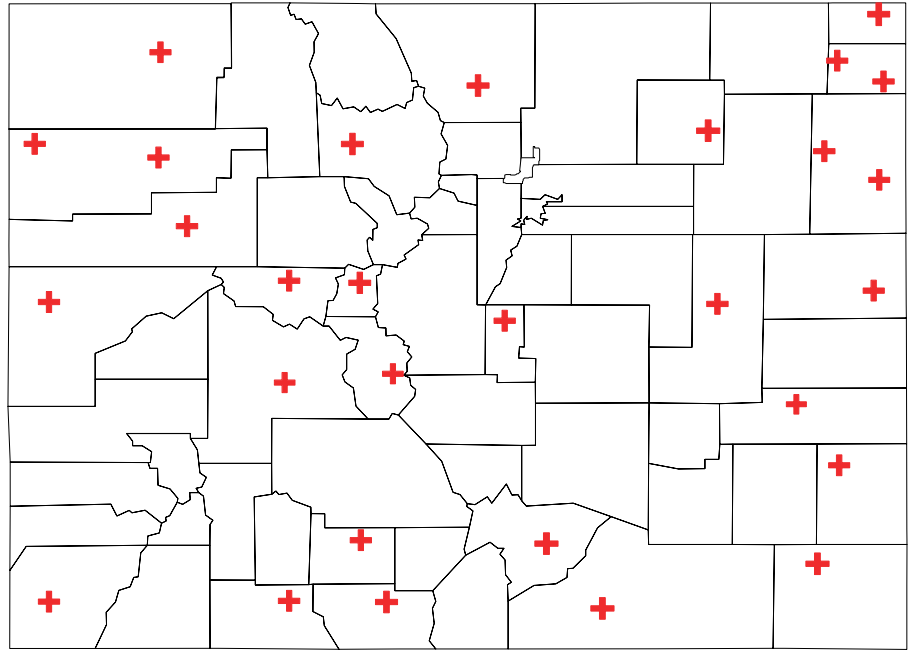
Colorado Critical Access Hospital Program (CAH)

The Critical Access Hospital Program was created by Congress in 1997 to help alleviate the negative impact the Balanced Budget Act had on the fragile rural healthcare delivery system. A small, rural hospital, with no more than 25 beds (any combination of acute or swing), providing emergency care, and not located within 35 miles of another hospital, can qualify for CAH status and receive cost based reimbursement for all Medicare patients.

The Center is the recipient of the Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Grant, which provides federal funding to administer the CAH program and to assist the CAHs with issues related to quality improvement, emergency medical services, and network development.

At least one half of the Flex grant funds are dispersed to the hospitals each year through the Center's CAH technical assistance grants.

There are currently 29 CAH's in Colorado. For more information about each CAH, [click here](#) or go to www.coruralhealth.org.



All About Estes Park Medical Center !

We are a 25-bed critical access acute care facility with 24-hour emergency and ambulatory services and emergency air transport. Surgical care, obstetrics, home health care, hospice and long-term care are also provided. The Estes Park Medical Center also has a family medical clinic and specialty clinic.

We strive to be the healthcare provider of choice for residents and visitors of the Estes Valley. Patients can receive a wide variety of services at EPMC from the birth of a new baby to long-term care for the elderly, emergency medicine to primary and specialty physician care. When patients need services or care that is unavailable at EPMC, we have relationships with other hospitals and physicians that allow ease of access and referral to higher levels of care. Since 1975, EPMC has been delivering healthcare that is convenient, personal, and readily accessible. Over the years, countless residents and tourists have benefited from the services we offer. Three outside entities provide support to the hospital including: Quota Club, The Elizabeth Guild Auxiliary, and the Estes Park Medical Center Foundation.

Recent updates include:

- Expansion of the Family Medical and Specialty Clinics
- Addition of 12 new in-patient rooms
- Renovation of existing patient rooms to bring total beds to 25
- Addition of two new operating suites
- Addition of new Physical Therapy Department
- Addition of a new pharmacy
- Relocation and addition of two new birthing suites and nursery
- New lobby and admitting area
- Currently expanding and renovating Emergency Department

