

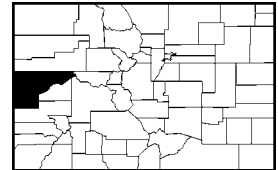
CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: Fruita, Colorado Family Health West

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 professional staff of Family Health West's hospital, emergency room, lab and X-ray assure that the citizens of Mesa County and the residents of our Spectrum of Care receive the very best care on a very personal level. Family Health West is large enough to be the leader and small enough to know you by name.

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Quick Facts

CAH Certification Date:

Former EACH/RPCH participant

CEO: Dennis E. Ficklin**Administrator:**

Errol Snider

Chief of Medical Staff:

Stephen L. Ludiweg, MD

Board Chair:

Margaret Steelman

Employees: 350**City Population:** 5,500**Service Area**

Population: 9,000

Owned by: Community owned 501c3**Hospital Beds:** 12**Trauma Level:** IV

How Has CAH Status Affected the Hospital?

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:

St. Mary's Acute Care Hospital - Grand Junction, CO

Provisions Included: Patient Transfer and Other Ancillary Services

CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

June 2002: Utilized funds to assist with compliance with CAH conditions of participation for re-certification survey; quality improvement; staff development; policies & procedures; project design.

The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC)

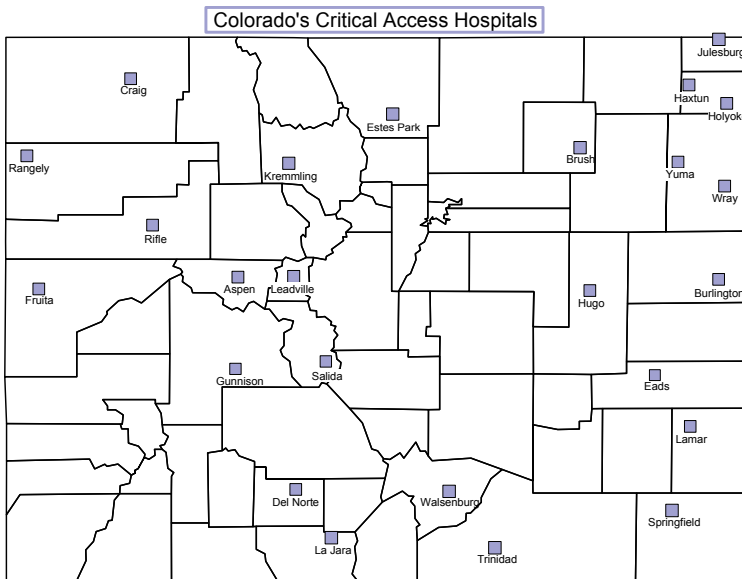
The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is a diverse mix of people, programs, and places interested in Colorado's rural healthcare. The Center's mission is to enhance healthcare services by providing information, education, linkages, tools and energy toward addressing rural healthcare issues. The CRHC 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.

Colorado's Certified CAHs

1. East Morgan County Community Hospital, Brush
2. Family Health West, Fruita
3. Rio Grande Hospital, Del Norte
4. Haxtun Hospital, Haxtun
5. Melissa Memorial Hospital, Holyoke
6. Lincoln Community Hospital, Hugo
7. Rangely District Hospital, Rangely
8. Conejos County Hospital, La Jara
9. Wray District Hospital, Wray
10. Southeast Colorado Hospital, Springfield
11. Sedgwick County Hospital, Julesburg
12. Estes Park Medical Center, Estes Park
13. Kit Carson Memorial Hospital, Burlington
14. The Memorial Hospital, Craig
15. Spanish Peaks Regional Health Ctr, Walsenburg
16. Yuma District Hospital, Yuma
17. Weisbrod Memorial County Hospital, Eads
18. Grand River Hospital District, Rifle
19. Kremmling Memorial Hospital District, Kremmling
20. St. Vincent General Hospital District, Leadville
21. Gunnison Valley Hospital, Gunnison
22. Mt. San Rafael Hospital, Trinidad
23. Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Ctr, Salida
24. Prowers Medical Center, Lamar
25. Aspen Valley Hospital, Aspen



Welcome to the "Main Street Experience"

Exciting News from Family Health West !

Family Health West is proud to have created the first Special Care Units on the western Slope for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. We now have the "Main Street Experience" caring for 60 Alzheimer's residents. Before Family Health West developed the Western Slope's first Special Care Unit for Alzheimer's disease, patients and families had to go to Denver or Salt Lake City for care.

Alzheimer's patients have special needs. Family Health West knows those needs better than any other facility in the state. Our Alzheimer's Special Care Units are often used as models for other facilities in other states. Our staff works with the family to provide the best possible care for the patient and important support for the family. Everything we do has one goal -- to make life as good as it can be for the patient and to help the family deal constructively with the realities of Alzheimer's disease.

Our approach is unique -- we adapt the surroundings to the Alzheimer's patient rather than try to force the patient to adapt to a world they cannot comprehend. The results are often dramatic and the struggling families finally find a friend who understands. Phase I converted six former patient rooms into a hometown main street environment complete with parks, theater, library, recreational center, and shops. Phase II, now completed, provides the creation of open space critical to the well-being of Alzheimer's residents and providing access to an outdoor area with trees, plants, gardening and fresh air.



Take a Stroll Down Main Street !!