

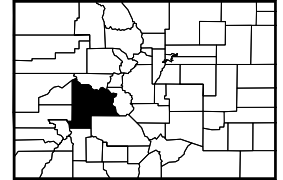
CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: Gunnison, Colorado Gunnison Valley Hospital

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 Gunnison Valley Hospital is to provide the finest healthcare system in rural America.

County: Gunnison**Address:** 711 North Taylor Street, Gunnison, CO 81230**Phone :** 970-641-1456 **Fax:** 970-641-7233**Web:** www.gvh-colorado.org

Quick Facts

CAH Certification Date:

October 2003

CEO: Judy Spinella**Chief of Medical Staff:**

Jay Wolkov, MD

Board Chair:

John Roberts

Employees: 160**City Population:** 5,500**Service Area****Population:** 14,000**Owned by:**

Gunnison County

Hospital Beds: 24**Trauma Level:** IV**Sole Community
Provider**

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 Hospital and Medical Center - Grand Junction, CO

Provisions Included: Patient Transfer, Quality Improvement and Credentialing

CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

July 2003: Received TA assistance for Emergency Medical Services; purchased two mannequins for training.

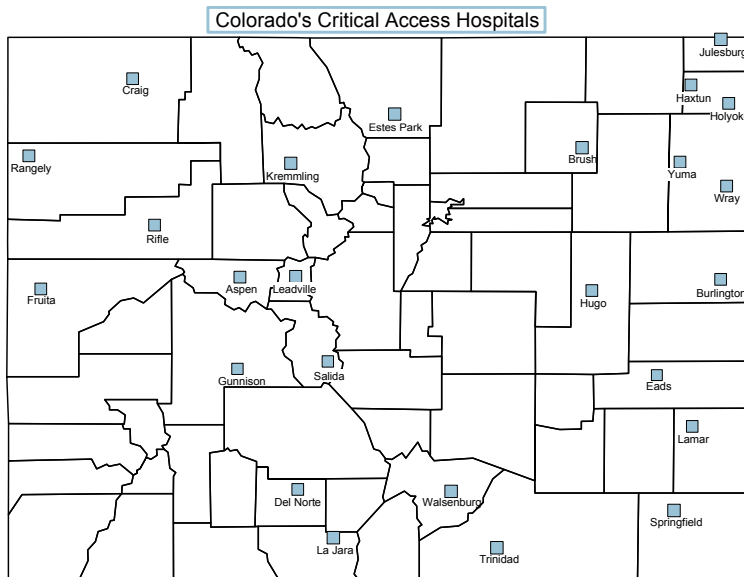
The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC)

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, Rife
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

Exciting News from Gunnison Valley Hospital !

Welcome to Gunnison Valley Hospital



The Colorado Rural Health Center presented Bryan Hess, Gunnison Valley EMS Manager, with the prestigious 2004 Rural Healthcare Excellence Award at the Annual Colorado Rural Conference. The Rural Healthcare Excellence Award is given annually to honor a special Coloradoan who has made a notable contribution to health, healthcare, or healthcare delivery systems in rural Colorado.

The Gunnison Valley Hospital Emergency Medical Services was awarded the 2003 Colorado EMS Agency of the Year!

Kirstie Pike, RN, ER Supervisor was named as a 2004 Nightingale Award Recipient. This was the first for Gunnison Valley Hospital and she also represented all the Western Slope hospitals.