

CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: Salida, Colorado Heart of the Rockies Regional 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:

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center exists to enhance the health of our community through the delivery of personalized and exceptional care.

Vision:

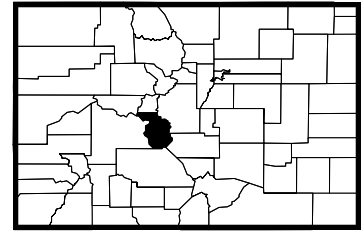
The vision of HRRMC is to be the healthcare provider of choice for our region as a world-class rural healthcare organization.

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Quick Facts

CAH Certification

Date: May 2004

Chief Executive Officer:

Kenneth W. Leisher

Chief of Medical Staff:

Paul Ammatelli, M.D.

Board Chair:

Adrienne K. Marks, Ph.D.

Employees: 260

City Population: 5,500

Service Area

Population: 18,000

Owned by:

Salida Hospital District

Hospital Beds: 25

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. Anthony Hospitals - Denver, CO

Provisions Included: Patient Transfer, Credentialing and Quality Assurance

CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

April 2004: Funds were utilized for Sole Community Hospital terminating cost report filing; revisions of accounting practices; pharmacy and swing bed policy development; staff education/development related to CAH program.

April 2005: Medicare Interim Rate Review.

The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC)

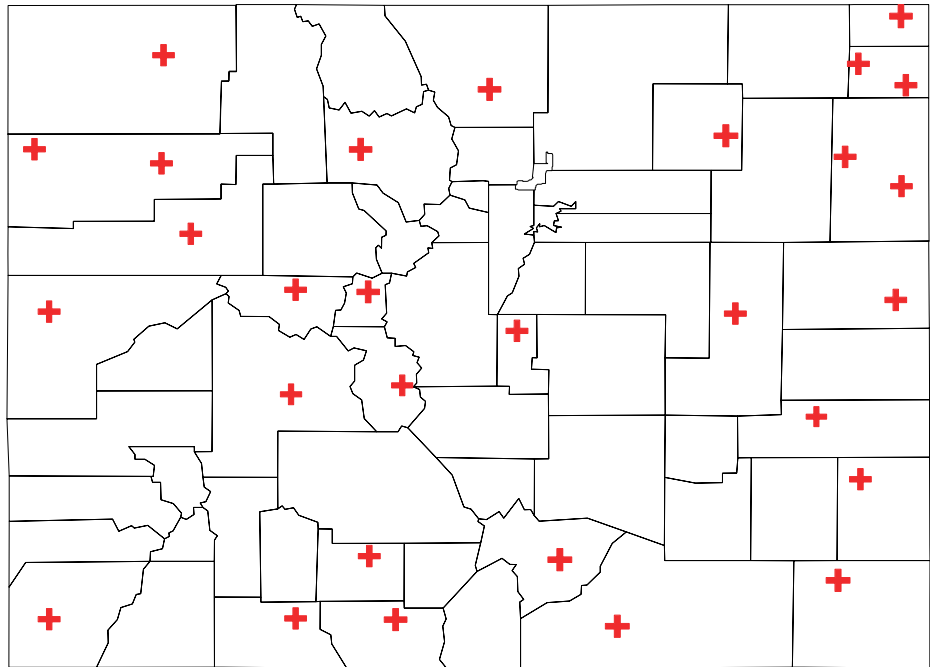
The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is a diverse mix of people, programs, and places interested in Colorado's rural healthcare. The Center's mission is to enhance healthcare services by providing information, education, linkages, tools and energy toward addressing rural healthcare issues. The CRHC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



More About Heart of the Rockies !

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center (HRRMC) is a 25-bed, Critical Access facility in the city of Salida, located in South Central Colorado. It provides a full range of healthcare services to the residents and visitors of the Salida Hospital District, which encompasses Chaffee, western Fremont and northern Saguache Counties. It offers a host of medical services, a wide range of surgical specialties, a family birthing center, Level IV Trauma

Center, chemotherapy, and the latest diagnostic imaging technology. It has a physician staff of more than 90 and 260 dedicated employees.

The hospital's new state-of-the-art facility was completed in April, 2008. From the light-filled atrium and original art, to the large private rooms with their own bathrooms and walk-in showers, the patient-centered design of the facility provides a healing environment for the patients and families it serves.



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