

Colorado Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: Burlington, Colorado

Kit Carson County Memorial 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:

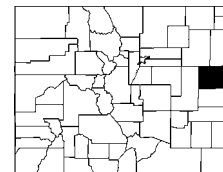
To provide state of the art, quality health services that will give the regional community both the opportunity and the desire to receive care and treatment locally. It is our intent to deliver these services with the utmost sense of honesty and integrity.

County: Kit Carson

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Quick Facts

CAH Certification Date:
January 2002

Administrator:
Jim Jordan

Chief Nursing Officer:
Vicki Cox

Board President:
Norbert Ohnmacht

Employees: 118

City Population: 3,200

**Service Area
Population:** 8,000

Owned by: Kit Carson
District

Hospital Beds: 25

Trauma Level: IV

**Sole Community
Provider Status**

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:

Centura Health/St. Anthony's Central - Denver, CO

Provisions Included: Patient Transfer, Quality Improvement and Credentialing

CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

April 2002: Hired an architectural consultant to assist with compliance with post-CAH survey Life/Safety Code plan of correction.

April 2004: Assistance to the District in providing a new medical service, acupuncture, to residents of Eastern Colorado.

November 2006: Consultant services to perform patient satisfaction surveys for emergency department, specialty physician clinics, family physician health clinics, and physical therapy rehabilitation clinic.

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.

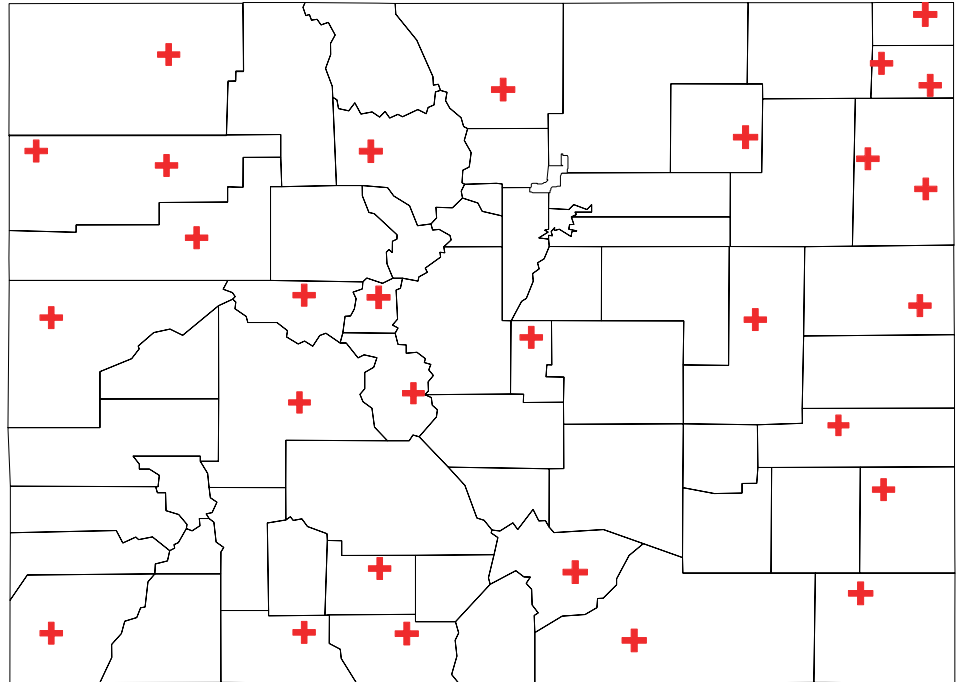
Colorado Critical Access Hospital Program (CAH)

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.



The History of Kit Carson Memorial Hospital !

HISTORY

In the late 1940s, the community of Burlington, Colorado recognized the need for a modern hospital. The local citizens contributed the funds needed to build and equip the Hospital, as well as volunteer labor. Farmers and stockmen were enlisted to transport brick and cinder block from Denver manufacturers to the Hospital site in Burlington. The Hospital's cornerstone was laid on June 5, 1947. The Hospital opened its doors on June 24, 1948. Since 1985, several important services have been added. Specialty Clinic, Home Health, Caring Hands Hospice, Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, and Physical Therapy have expanded our services to our community. In 1998, Stratton Medical Clinic became operational, and in 2000, Parke Health and Wellness Center opened to the public. The Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital, together with all of its unique services, forms the Kit Carson County Health District. This District, organized in 1997, is unique in the range of services offered for its size.

TODAY

KCCMH serves a geographical area within a 60-mile radius of Burlington, Colorado. The first and foremost goal at KCCMH is to ensure that all residents of Kit Carson County, and the neighboring communities, have local access to essential health care services. The Hospital continuously evaluates the health care needs of the region's residents and strives to provide new or expanded health care services and programs to meet those requirements. There are plans for a 28,000 sq ft expansion of the Hospital. Today, Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit, licensed, acute care facility with 24 acute beds and 8 Medicare long-term care beds. The Hospital is governed by an elected board of citizens, and is accredited by the State of Colorado.

