

CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

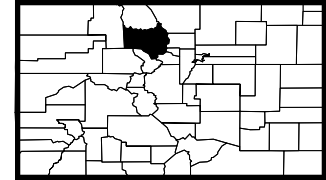
Spotlight on: Kremmling, Colorado

Kremmling Memorial Hospital District

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 support and encourage the physical, emotional and spiritual health of our community Our values: integrity, respect, compassion, excellence, vision and trust.

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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's Central - Denver, CO

Swedish Medical Center - Englewood, CO

Yampa Valley Medical Center - Steamboat Springs, CO

Provisions Included: Patient Transfer, Credentialing and Quality Improvement

Quick Facts

CAH Certification**Date:** April 2003**Chief Executive Officer:**

Bill Widener

Chief of Medical Staff:

Dr. Laura Dean

Board President:

Jeff Miller

Employees: 85**City Population:** 1,600**Service Area****Population:** 13,000**Owned by:**

Special Hospital District

Hospital Beds: 19**Trauma Level:** IV

CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

August 2000: CAH mock survey; financial feasibility study; rural health clinic and cost report consultation.**August 2001:** Chargemaster review and radiology billing training.**October 2001:** Quality improvement consultation and assistance.**EMS July 2003:** Analyzed the financial stability of current Grand County EMS Service.**April 2003:** Purchased quality improvement manuals.**November 2004:** Completed a Debt Load Capacity Feasibility study.

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.

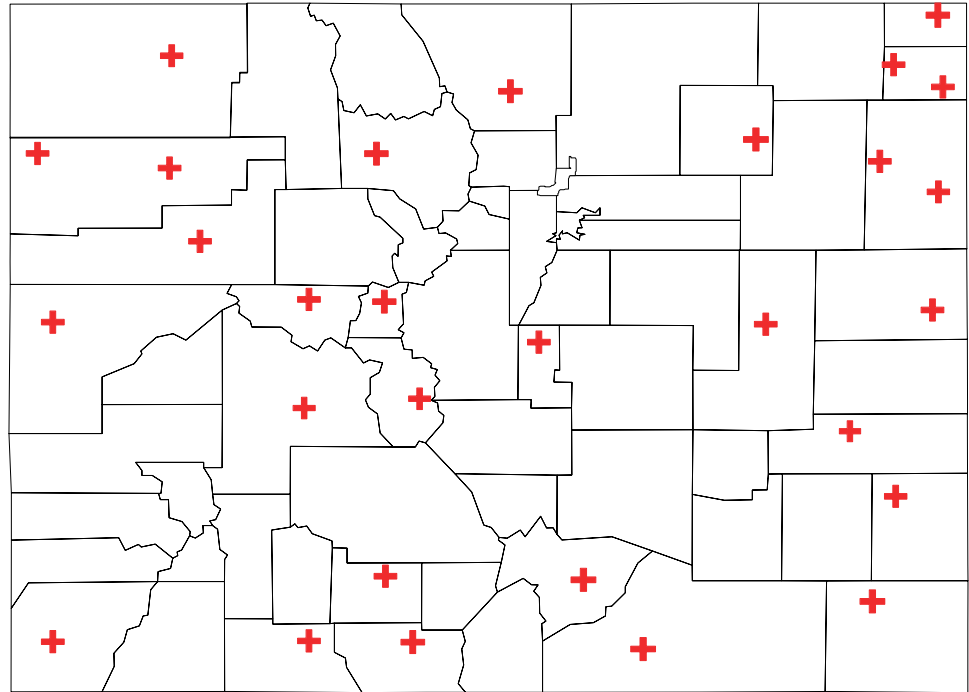
Colorado Critical Access Hospital Program (CAH)

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 Kremmling Memorial Hospital District !

The hospital began in 1946 as an addition to the clinic (which was also the home) of the country doctor in Kremmling. A small group of ranchers and businessmen spearheaded the project, and the community held many fundraisers and bake sales to support the expansion of the hospital. The home/clinic/hospital was expanded two times to meet the growing medical needs of the community.

In 1972, the community formed a taxing district to fund the construction of a new hospital which is our current hospital. The original home/clinic/hospital now houses the administrative offices and Rehabilitation Services. Through community funding and support we were able to expand our Diagnostic Imaging Services to include a

Mammography Center, CT Scan, and DEXA Scan. Kremmling Memorial Hospital District also has a provider based family practice clinic, Mountain Valley Medical Center, as well as Timberline Family Practice in Granby. The specialty clinic brings physicians in from OBGYN to Podiatry, from General Surgery to Orthopedics, and more.

