

# CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

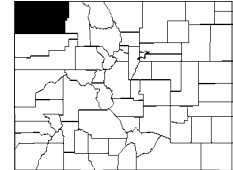
## Spotlight on: Craig, Colorado The Memorial Hospital

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:

The Memorial Hospital is the quality provider, organizer, and promoter of health care services for the people of its service area. This is demonstrated by its commitment to: being responsive to the needs of customers; the education of the public concerning disease prevention and health promotion; continuous quality improvement; recruiting and retaining an outstanding staff of health professionals and associate personnel; and, to provide compassionate care and service to its guests in an environment that is attractive and customer friendly.

**County:** Moffat  
**Address:** 785 Russell St., Craig, CO 81625  
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### Quick Facts

#### CAH Certification

**Date:** March 2002

#### Administrator:

Randy Phelps

#### Chief of Medical Staff:

Tammy Rice, MD

#### Board Chair:

Sue Lyster

**Employees:** 160

**City Population:** 9,300

#### Service Area

**Population:** 13,000

#### Owned by:

Moffat County

**Hospital Beds:**

**Trauma Level:** IV

**JCAHO Accreditation  
& 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 Affiliates:

Yampa Valley Medical Center - Steamboat Springs, CO

Quorum Health Resources - Brentwood, TN

Provisions Included: Patient Transfer, Quality Improvement, Credentialing, Administration and Management

### CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

**May 2001:** Utilized technical assistance to conduct needs assessment and developed strategic plan regarding case management.

**June 2002:** Hired consultant to assist with cost reporting and reimbursement and re-implemented swing bed program.

**October 2002:** Consultant fees associated with Medicare cost reports.

**April 2004:** Support for Locum Tenens coverage and recruitment cost for a new full time surgeon.

## The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC)

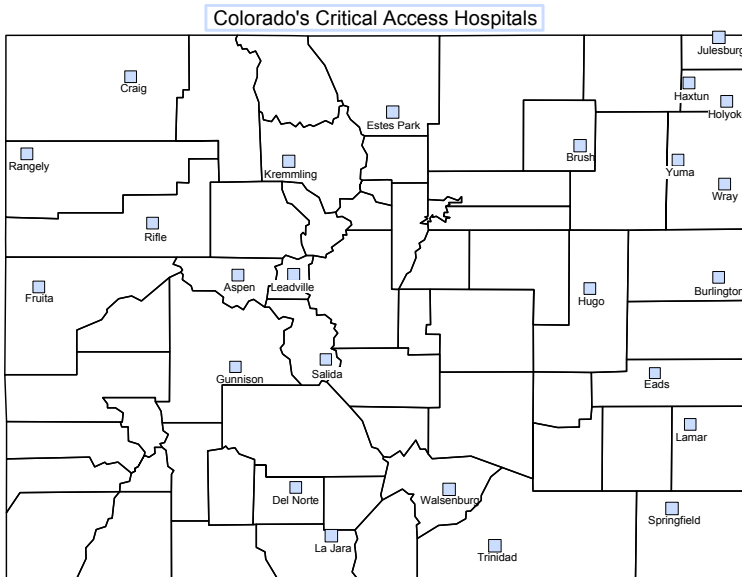
The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is a diverse mix of people, programs, and places interested in Colorado's rural healthcare. The Center's mission is to enhance healthcare services by providing information, education, linkages, tools and energy toward addressing rural healthcare issues. The CRHC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



You might be surprised to learn of some of the sophisticated

## Exciting News from The Memorial Hospital !

imaging capabilities and services that are available at The Memorial Hospital (TMH). With these advanced, computerized technologies, we can look at patients in ways that, until a few years ago, were available only at the largest hospitals, if at all. We can diagnose problems faster and more accurately and conveniently. All of which means one thing: We're looking to provide even better care for you.

**Cardiac Rehabilitation Program:** This program is to provide monitored exercise programs for strengthening the heart muscle for patients recovering from bypass surgery or heart attacks.

**Nuclear Medicine:** New state of the art camera was put in the first of the year to expand the capability of hospital to look at different organs systems.

**Lithotripsy:** This machine bursts kidney stones with sound waves avoiding a painful surgery.

**Sleep Studies:** These studies create a point of access in Craig allowing sleep-deprived patients to not have to leave the community. The biggest risk to sleep deprived patients is driving. Call to see if you are a candidate!

**Bone Densitometry:** This machine takes pictures of your bones to provide information on osteoporosis.

