

Colorado Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: Woodland Park, Colorado

Pikes Peak Regional 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 Pikes Peak Regional Hospital is to help the communities we serve achieve optimal quality of life by providing local healthcare services.

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Quick Facts

CAH Certification Date:
July 2008

Administrator:
Sharon Cox

Medical Director:
Kurt A. Wever, MD

Board Chair:
Curt Grina

City Population:
8,000

**Service Area
Population:**
23,000

Owned by:
Brim Healthcare, LLC

Hospital Beds: 15

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:

Memorial, Penrose, Cedarwood, St. Mary—Corwin, DVAMC, Denver Children's Hospital, Swedish Medical System
Provisions Included: Patient Transfers, Radiology—PAX System Synapse (Memorial)

CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

November 2007—Preparation for CAH conversion and certification

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.

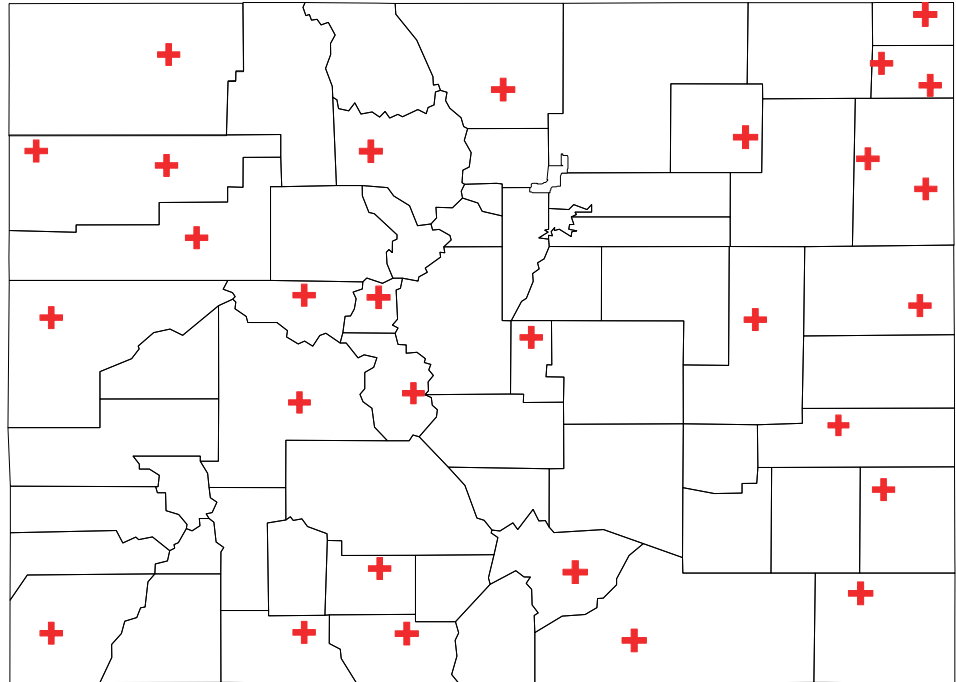
Colorado Critical Access Hospital Program (CAH)

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.



Exciting News from Pikes Peak Regional Hospital !



The first year of operations at PPRH was filled with many wonderful accomplishments. The hospital successfully received certification and/or accreditation from the following regulatory agencies or accrediting bodies: Medicare, The American College of Radiology-Mammography, CLIA, Joint Commission (Gold Seal of Approval -Hospital and Laboratory), and Trauma Certification-level IV. We credit these accomplishments to the wonderful staff at PPRH. We are proud to provide and promote good healthcare to the Pikes Peak Region.

