

CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

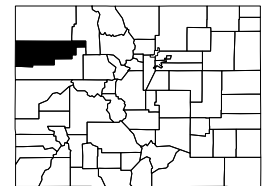
Spotlight on: Meeker, Colorado

Pioneers 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:

Prowers Medical Center is an organization of dedicated professionals committed to providing preventative and healing services to those we serve.

County: Rio Blanco**Address:** 345 Cleveland Street,
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Quick Facts

CAH Certification Date:
January 2008**Chief Executive Officer:**
Robert W. Omer**Chief of Medical Staff:**
Branch Bullard, MD**Board Chair:**
Kristin Borchard**Employees:** 135**City Population:** 2,750**Service Area
Population:** 3,750**Owned by:**
Eastern Rio Blanco
County Health Service
District**Hospital Beds:** 15**Trauma Level:** IV**Skilled Nursing Facility
(SNF) Beds:** 33**Network Development Affiliate:**

St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center- Grand Junction, CO
Provisions include: Patient Transfer, Quality Improvement

How Has CAH Status Affected the Hospital?

CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

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 Hospital, Brush
2. Family Health West, Fruita
3. Rio Grande Hospital, Del Norte
4. Haxtun Hospital District, Haxtun
5. Melissa Memorial Hospital, Holyoke
6. Lincoln Community Hospital, Hugo
7. Rangely District Hospital, Rangely
8. Conejos County Hospital, La Jara
9. Wray Community District Hospital, Wray
10. Southeast Colorado Hospital District, Springfield
11. Sedgwick County Health Center, Julesburg
12. Estes Park Medical Center, Estes Park
13. Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital, Burlington
14. The Memorial Hospital, Craig
15. Spanish Peaks Regional Health Ctr, Walsenberg
16. Yuma District Hospital, Yuma
17. Weisbrod Memorial 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
26. Pioneers Medical Center, Meeker

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Scope of Services

Pioneers Medical Center provides health services for the eastern half of Rio Blanco County. Major services include:

- Hospital inpatient, outpatient, and 24/7 ER/Level IV Trauma Center
- Meeker Family Health Center (PB-RHC)
- Walbridge Wing Senior Living– 33 bed long-term care SNF
- Pioneers Home Care Agency

2008 Initiatives

Pioneers Medical Center goals and initiatives in 2008 include:

- Installation of new IT & EMR Futures System
- Completion of a new Facilities Master Plan
- Expansion of specialty physician clinics and services
- Workforce development “Grow Your Own” local and regional collaboration