

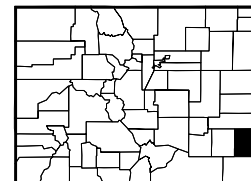
# CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

## Spotlight on: Lamar, Colorado Prowers 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.

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### Quick Facts

**CAH Certification Date:**  
August 2004**Administrator:**  
James Fairchild, FACHE**Chief of Medical Staff:**  
Andrew Saeracker, MD**Board Chair:**  
Jan Hall**Employees:** 200**City Population:** 8,869**Service Area  
Population:** 15,000**Owned by:**  
Prowers Baca County  
Hospital District**Hospital Beds:** 25**Trauma Level:** n/a

### 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.*

### CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

**October 2001:** Hired a consultant to conduct case management operations assessment.**November 2006:** Consultant services to develop 5-year strategic plan.

## 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.

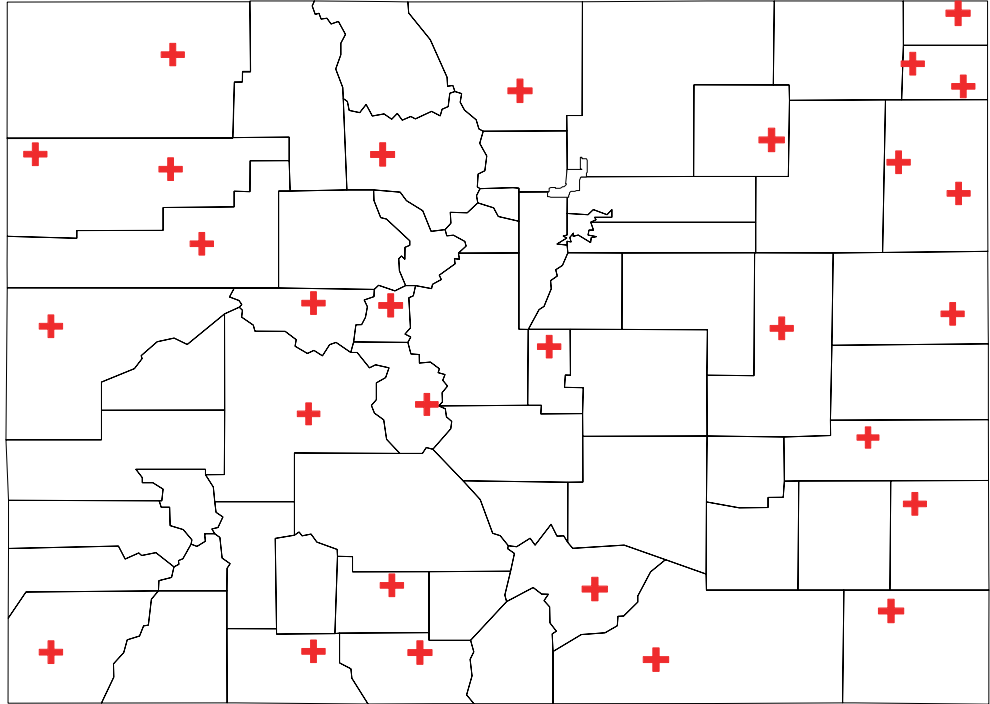
## Colorado Critical Access Hospital Program (CAH)

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](http://www.coruralhealth.org).



## All About Prowers Medical Center!



Prowers Medical Center is a community hospital with professional and support staff of over 200 serving 20,000 residents in Southeast Colorado. For 36 years, we have been committed to providing preventative and healing medical care, health education and to improve the quality of life in the communities served.

Located in Lamar, Colorado, Prowers Medical Center sits amid the warmth and friendliness of a small town. Our 64,000 square-foot campus offers acute care for all ages with 25 licensed beds and a full array of services and programs designed to serve the communities. Prowers Medical Center offers advanced care in every sense of the word—from highly trained staff, working with state of the art equipment, in a climate of hometown concern. Virtually every family in the area is affected by the quality of care available at the hospital or by the economic impact of its operation.

For over 20 years, Prowers Medical Center has been fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Additional information can be found on the Prowers Medical Center website at [www.prowersmedical.com](http://www.prowersmedical.com).