

CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

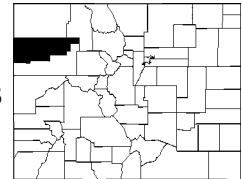
Spotlight on: Rangely, Colorado Rangely District Hospital

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:

Rangely Hospital District is dedicated to providing primary and emergency healthcare services for the residents and visitors of Northwestern Colorado. We will provide high quality services in a personable and accommodating manner, focusing on accurate diagnosis, education, and compassionate care while respecting the rights of those we serve. We will provide healthcare in a supportive team environment; encourage personal and professional growth of employees; and be known as a recognized leader in patient-centered healthcare.

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Quick Facts

CAH Certification Date:
September 2000

Chief Executive Officer:
Merrill Frank

Administrator:
Jason McCormick, COO

Chief of Medical Staff:
Benjamin Udall

Board Chair:
Jack Rich

Employees: 102

City Population: 2,450

**Service Area
Population:** 3,600

Owned by:
Rangely Hospital District

Hospital Beds: 25

Trauma Level: IV

How Has CAH Status Affected the Hospital?

	2 yrs prior to CAH	2 yrs after CAH
Average Daily Census	0.35	0.18
Operating Margin	-68.81%	-100.68%
FTEs	55	55
Medicare Charges	\$478,076	\$531,503
Medicare Acute ALOS	3.04	3.73

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. Mary's Hospital & Medical Center - Grand Junction, CO

CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

Provisions Included: Patient Transfer, Quality Improvement and Credentialing
August 2000: Developed brochure to assist in community outreach; conducted needs assessment; met with community members; began strategic planning process.

April 2004: Purchased home health software.

EMS April 2005: Tuition, books, and training equipment for various EMS classes.

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.

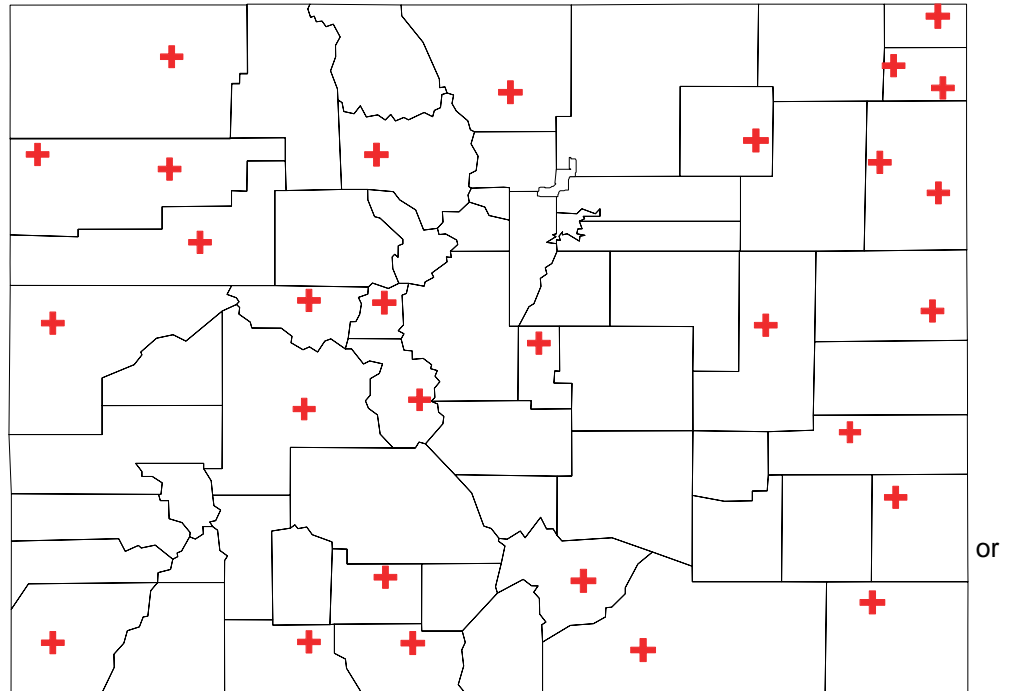
Colorado Critical Access Hospital Program (CAH)

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](#) go to www.coruralhealth.org.



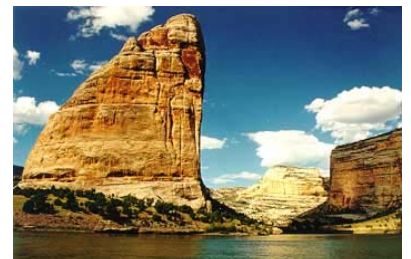
More from Rangely District Hospital !

The Hospital:

Rangely Hospital District is a geographically large, rural area, which operates a 25-bed hospital located in Rangely in Northwestern Colorado. Rangely has a population of 2,450, and is located on State Highway 65 between Meeker and Dinosaur approximately 75 miles south of the Wyoming border and 15 miles east of the Utah border. At Rangely District Hospital, you'll find skilled, caring, compassionate staff, with a commitment to the community. The District is very progressive and comprehensive, providing inpatient, swing bed, ER (Level IV Trauma), ambulance, outpatient services, home health, physical therapy, and family practice physician's clinic. An assisted living facility was completed in 2000 and is now at capacity.

The Location:

Rangely is not at the edge of the world, but some say you can see it from here. It is the center of one of the last areas of the West to be settled. The early pioneers called it an isolated empire. For thousands of years the Fremont and later Ute tribes inhabited the area. Ruins and rock art abound, hidden in the canyons. Escalante and Dominguez passed through on their famous exploration in 1776. Modern explorers will find this and a lot more in our secret places. Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy water sports at Kenney Reservoir and on the White River, while hunters will find the largest migratory deer herd in the U.S. Wildlife include elk, antelope, wild horses, migratory birds, coyotes, eagles, hawks, buzzards and prairie dogs. Dinosaur National Monument lies with the District boundaries, providing visitors with a view spanning centuries. Here, preserved in the sands of an ancient river, is a time capsule from the world of dinosaurs and before. There are also thousands of acres of BLM public land with hundreds of miles of two-wheel tracks through high-desert plateaus, canyons and mountains.



Dinosaur National Monument