

CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: Springfield, Colorado Southeast Colorado Hospital District

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:

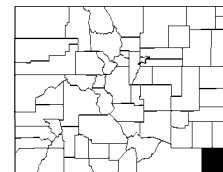
To focus on the well-being of people in our service area through programs designed to achieve and sustain a state of good health.

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How Has CAH Status Affected the Hospital?

	2 yrs prior to CAH	2 yrs after CAH
Average Daily Census	4.94	6.54
Operating Margin	-2.64%	0.85%
FTEs	147	158
Medicare Charges	\$3,352,492	\$4,300,840
Medicare Acute ALOS	3.71	3.39

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:

Swedish Medical Center - Denver, CO

Provisions Included: Patient Transfer, Quality Improvement and Credentialing

Quick Facts

CAH Certification

Date: March 2001

Administrator:

Gary Steinbach

Chief of Medical Staff:

Nagesh Chopra, MD

Board Chair:

Jerry Houser

Employees: 150

City Population:

1,400

Service Area

Population: 4,500

Owned by:

Special District

Hospital Beds: 25

Sole Community Provider

CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

January 2001: Hired CAH program coordinator; provided training for billing staff; MDS training for nursing staff; convened public meetings for community; conducted needs assessment.

October 2001: Educated business office staff; coordinated QI issues with Swedish Medical Center; created partial cost report.

June 2002: Hired a consultant to conduct on-site Medicare assistance.

January 2003: Implemented new payroll system, including software, training, and direct deposit system.

December 2003: Hired consultant to evaluate current CAH program and help prepare for recertification; sent therapists to training for lymph-edema certification.

The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC)

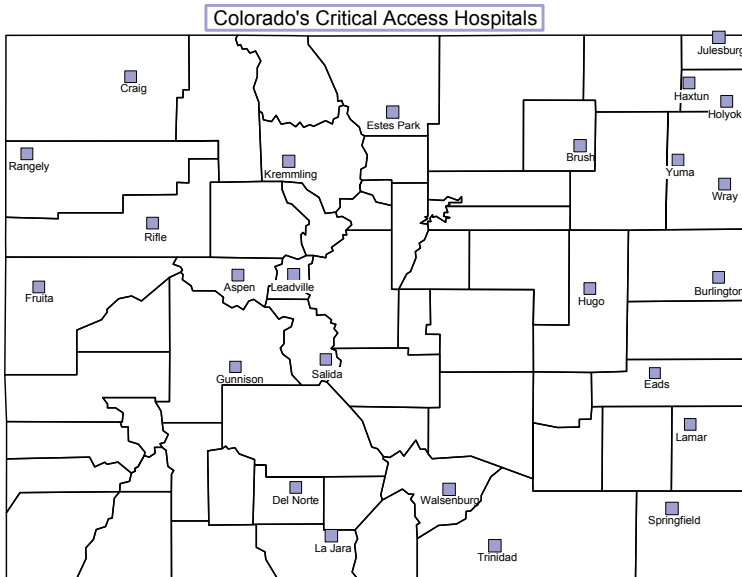
The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is a diverse mix of people, programs, and places interested in Colorado's rural healthcare. The Center's mission is to enhance healthcare services by providing information, education, linkages, tools and energy toward addressing rural healthcare issues. The CRHC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

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



News from Southeast Colorado Hospital District !

40-Bed Long Term Care Center: Intermediate level nursing services, social services, activities, dietary services, pharmacy, physician on-call 24-hours, respiratory therapy, physical therapy, restorative nursing, speech therapy, resident initiated quality improvement program, beauty shop, chapel, laundry, housekeeping and excellent staff.

Our **Home Health Agency** opened in 1992 serving Baca County and the surrounding areas. We provide care to Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and private pay clients. Our agency has been deficiency-free when inspected by state Medicare/Medicaid surveyors. Home Health provides RNs, LPNs, certified nurses aides, physical therapy, speech therapy, medical social services, medical supplies, and arranges for medical equipment. We are home owned and operated. Our time in your home is not limited by a chain operated organization.

Alzheimer Unit: This 16-bed unit is a special, secured unit. Care, treatment, and activities are specifically planned for Alzheimer's patients. We also care for patients with other types of dementia. Rooms have been decorated with particular attention to the effects of color and pattern on Alzheimer's patients. A secured patio allows safe access to the outdoors. A bus ride is available every Wednesday for the residents who want to see a specific area or just to ride around the country.

In addition, SECH District offers a **Wellness Program**—an innovative entry program originally funded by a Rural Transition Grant. The Wellness Program maintains a medical history database of all residents; coordinates healthcare services, provides a health care services referral source, identifies and implements solutions to unmet healthcare needs, and promotes wellness through lifestyle changes, education, and awareness. Also provided are Chemotherapy, Cardiac Rehabilitation and Exercising, Stress Testing, Stress-echo Testing, Nuclear Imaging Testing, Mammography, and Outpatient Surgery.

