

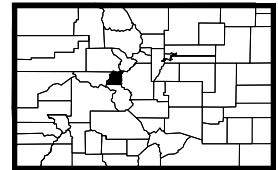
CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

Spotlight on: Leadville, CO St. Vincent General 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:

Provide the best possible continuum of healthcare services to meet the health needs of persons in Lake County and surrounding areas. These services will be provided on a quality, cost-effective and accessible basis, and achieve a balance between community needs and available resources. We will reflect the caring and noble nature of this mission in all that we do.

County: Lake**Address:** 822 West 4th Street, Leadville, CO 80461**Phone :** 719-486-0230 **Fax:** 719-486-1077**Web:** www.svghd.org

Quick Facts

CAH Certification Date:
May 2003**Administrator:**
Howard Andersen, CEO**Chief of Medical Staff:**
Warren Reese, MD**Board Chair:**
Joe King**Employees:** 123**City Population:** 2,000**Service Area
Population:** 9,000**Owned by:**
Lake County**Hospital Beds:** 25**Trauma Level:** IV

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 Affiliate:

Centura Health St. Anthony's Central - Denver, CO

Provisions Included: Patient Transfer, Credentialing and Quality Assurance

CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

January 2002: Prepared for CAH survey and conducted mock survey; conducted onsite review with representative from existing Colorado CAH; financial analysis completed by accounting firm; held community presentations.

December 2003: Hired consultant to identify and prioritize needs of the community and identify strengths and weaknesses of healthcare system; developed business plans for new services and for improvement of existing healthcare services.

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.

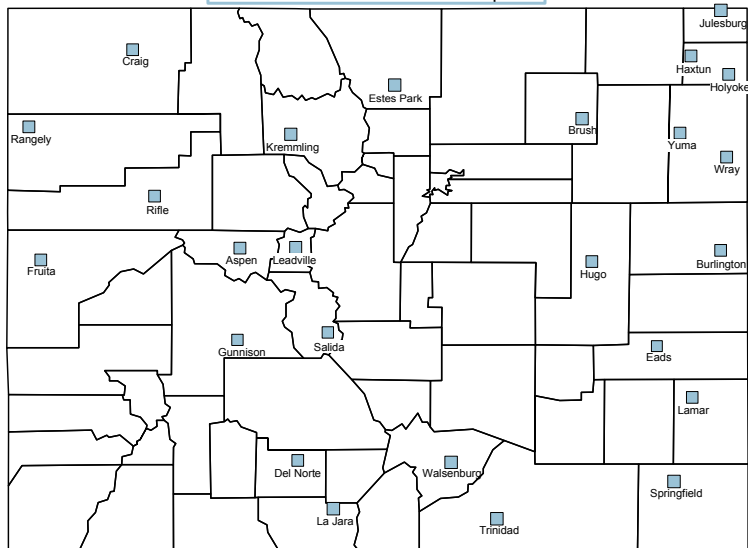
Colorado Critical Access Hospital Program (CAH)

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

Colorado's Critical Access Hospitals



All About St. Vincent General Hospital District !

St. Vincent General Hospital District is the umbrella taxing entity operating the following separately licensed divisions:

St. Vincent Hospital - 25 Bed Critical Access Hospital

St. Vincent Home Health - Offices in Leadville and Buena Vista

St. Vincent Home Oxygen Service

St. Vincent Hospital Ambulance Service

Buena Vista Family Practice Clinic - Rural Health Clinic

