

# CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

## Spotlight on: Wray, Colorado Wray Community 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.

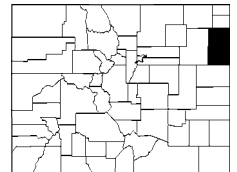
### Mission:

We will be the preferred network of health care providers in our region; We will focus on improving the health of the people in our region by providing or coordinating health and wellness services during each phase of life; Our customers will experience outstanding clinical quality, customer service and competitive value.

**County:** Yuma

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### Quick Facts

#### CAH Certification

**Date:** January 2001

#### Administrator:

Ed Finley

#### Chief of Medical Staff:

Monte Uyemura, MD

#### Board Chair:

Wilma Collins

**Employees:** 84

**City Population:** 2,000

#### Service Area

**Population:** 30,000

#### Owned by:

Wray Community  
Hospital District

**Hospital Beds:** 15

**Trauma Level:** IV

### How Has CAH Status Affected the Hospital?

	2 yrs prior to CAH	2 yrs after CAH
Average Daily Census	3.68	3.44
Operating Margin	-25.94%	-6.37%
FTEs	49	63
Medicare Charges	\$2,416,439	\$3,236,230
Medicare Acute ALOS	3.37	3.19

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:

Banner Health System - Greeley, CO

Provisions Included: Patient Transfer

### CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

**August 2000:** Filed 3rd cost report for year ending 12/31/01; redefined and revitalized quality assurance process; coordinated conversion preparation by updating policies and procedures.

**December 2003:** Hired Community Case Manager to serve as a single point of contact for the community, as well as an advocate and insurance Counselor.

## 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.

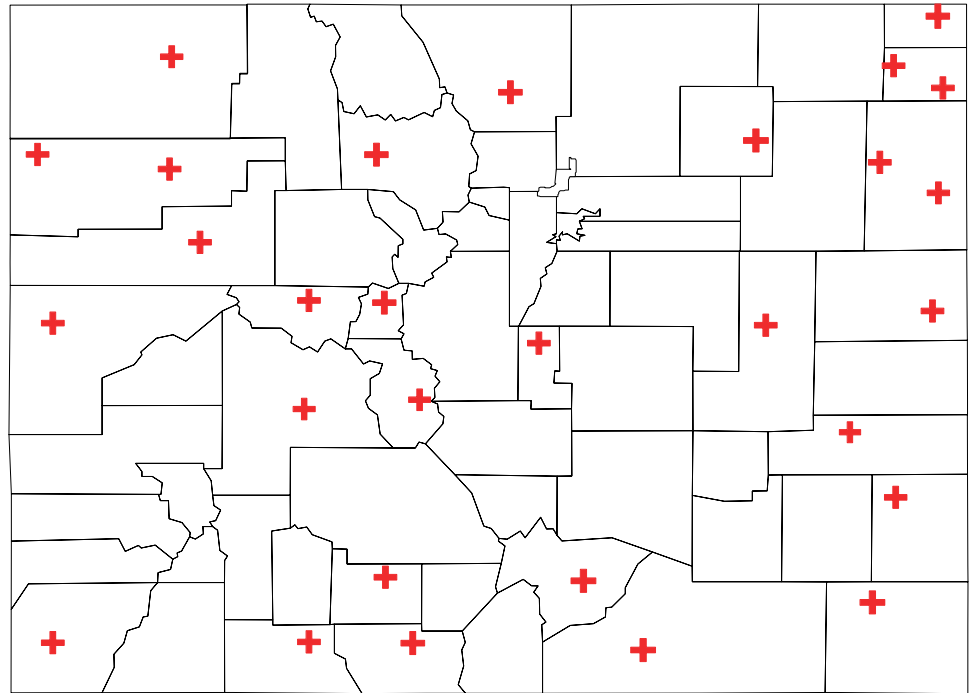
## Colorado Critical Access Hospital Program (CAH)

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).



## Exciting News from Wray Community District Hospital !

We will be commencing on a \$3M expansion/remodel in early August to accommodate significant growth in outpatient services, specialty clinics and at the primary clinic. Completion is anticipated to be around late 2008. The project is being financed through local short-term debt. The hospital is still on target for being totally debt free in five years. We will be adding some specialists to our community over the next several years who will be based in Wray. We are also in the process of exploring an initiative that could help our local community address the uninsured and under-insured. We will be implementing a formal patient financial counseling service soon.