

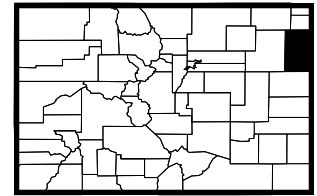
# CRHC Critical Access Hospital Profile

## Spotlight on: Yuma, Colorado Yuma 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:**

Yuma District Hospital will strive to be the established center for high quality, ethical primary care and diagnostic services and the preferred healthcare employer in our geographic area.

**County:** Yuma**Address:** 910 S. Main Street  
Yuma, CO 80759**Phone :** 970-848-5405 **Fax:** 970-848-4780

### Quick Facts

**CAH Certification****Date:** July 2002**Interim Administrator:**

Lyndia Loppe

**Chief of Medical Staff:**

Doug Everson, M.D.

**Board Chair:**

Gene Wagner

**Employees:** 76**City Population:** 3,285**Service Area****Population:** 10,000**Owned by:** District**Hospital Beds:** 22**Trauma Level:** IV**Sole Community  
Provider**

### 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:**

Poudre Valley Hospital - Fort Collins, CO

Provisions Included: Patient Transfer, Credentialing and Quality Assurance

### CAH Technical Assistance Grant History

**June 2002:** Purchased software for electronic medical records and conducted staff training to implement software.**January 2003:** Service agreement for Electronic Medical Records System.**April 2003:** Sent staff to other rural hospitals for training and mentoring.**April 2004:** Conducted a feasibility study and an architectural/construction analysis for a new hospital.

## 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.

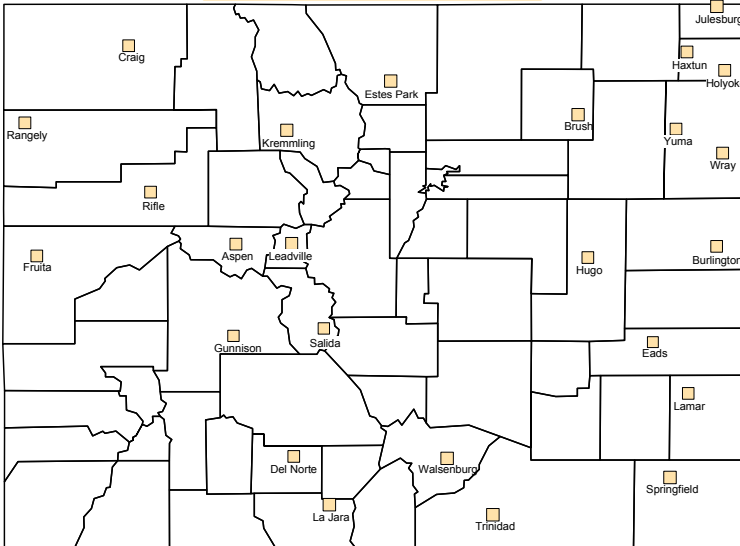
## Colorado Critical Access Hospital Program (CAH)

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



## More About Yuma District Hospital !

Yuma District Hospital is located in Northeastern Colorado approximately 140 miles east of Denver. The hospital serves a rural population of 7400 in Western Yuma and Eastern Washington counties, with a combined geographic area of approximately 2445 square miles. The facility originally built in 1949, was remodeled and expanded with a \$4.5 million construction project in 1996. This included new outpatient ambulatory services with attached physicians clinic.

Our facility, a Critical Access Hospital as of July 2002, is staffed by four family practice physicians, one Family Nurse Practitioner, one PA and another physician scheduled to start in August 2004. Yuma District Hospital serves as a rural rotation site for the Family Medicine Practice sponsored by Poudre Valley Hospital and the North Colorado Family Practice residency program. There are 124 employees that provide a full range of services, including delivery and obstetrical services, 24-hour emergency room services, elective surgery, cardiac care, outpatient services, home health care, physical and respiratory therapy, in addition to being a Level IV Trauma Center.

We have contracted with 19 physicians with specialties ranging from Audiology to Urology. These doctors take time from their regular practice and travel up to 150 miles in order to provide health care specialties normally seen only at large urban hospitals. Several of these physicians have actually increased their number of specialty clinic days per month and have helped expand the types of procedures available at Yuma District Hospital, including new surgical capabilities.

