**Rural Health Clinics**

- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) are federally certified facilities located in non-urban healthcare professional shortage areas.
- RHCs must be staffed by at least one nurse practitioner, physician assistant or certified nurse midwife, who must be on-site to see patients at least 50% of the time.
- Often the only medical facility in rural communities, RHCs depend on sound business practices, Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and minimal grant funding to keep their doors open.
- The 49 RHCs across Colorado provide primary care services to an estimated 130,000 adults and children annually.

**Rural Health Clinics in Your District**

- Button Family Practice, Cañon City
- Eastern Plains Medical Clinic of Calhan, Calhan
- Florence Medical Center, Florance
- HRRMC Buena Vista Family Practice, Buena Vista
- Mountain Medical Center of Buena Vista, Buena Vista
- Pediatric Associates of Cañon City, Cañon City

**Critical Access Hospitals**

- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) are small, rural hospitals that have a maximum of 25 beds.
- The CAH Program was created by Congress in 1997 to support the fragile rural healthcare system.
- The 29 CAHs across Colorado provide local integrated health delivery systems including acute, primary, emergency and long-term care.

**Critical Access Hospitals in Your District**

- Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center, Salida
- Pikes Peak Regional Hospital, Woodland Park
The definition of rural and frontier varies depending on the purpose of the program or policy in which they are used. Therefore, these are referred to as programmatic designations, rather than definitions. One designation commonly used to determine geographic eligibility for federal grant programs is based on information obtained through the Office of Management and Budget: All counties that are not designated as parts of Metropolitan Areas (MAs) are considered rural. The Colorado Rural Health Center frequently assumes this designation, as well as further classifies frontier counties as those counties with a population density of six or fewer persons per square mile. You may visit the Rural Health Grants Eligibility Advisor to determine if a county or address is designated rural, or contact the Office of Rural Health Policy at (301) 443-0835.
**Demographics**

Children: 24%
Adults: 63%
Seniors: 13%

3 out of 20 (15%) rural Coloradans live in your district, 13% are over 65 years old.

The elderly population will increase by 13% by 2018.

**Social Determinants**

- **15%**: fewer students in your district graduate high school on time than the state average.
- **16%**: fewer adults are unemployed in your district when compared to the state average.
- **44%**: fewer families live in poverty in your district than the state average.

- **$6,100**: household income in your district above state average.
- **$117**: cost of care per Medicare beneficiary has decreased in your district in the last 5 years.
Health Outcomes & Access

Mental Health

Suicide rates are 1% above the state average

Colorado adults report having 3 poor mental health days in the past month

Aging & Chronic Disease

Projection of seniors by 2018: 14%
13% of the population is currently on Medicare
Number of adults who have diabetes is 13% below the state average
3 out of 100 people in your district have heart disease
45 people die of chronic lower respiratory disease annually in your district, per 100,000

Nationally, 7 out of 10 deaths are due to chronic disease

Oral Health

Dentist visits in your district are 6% above the state average
Adult tooth loss due to disease is 11% below the state average
Dental disease is the leading chronic disease of children
Nearly 40% of Colorado kids have dental decay by the time they reach kindergarten

Reproductive

Infant mortality is 15% below the state average
Infant mortality is twice as high for the poorest 20% of the nation
26% of births are to teens, the state average is 39%
Prenatal care is accessed by 66% of expecting mothers

Patients per Provider in Your District

State Average
Dentists 2,326
Mental Health 5,066
Primary Care 1,600