

Rural Colorado Hospitals Receive National Recognition for Performance Leadership in Outcomes, Patient Perspectives, and Quality

AURORA, CO - November 15, 2018 – Today, on National Rural Health Day, 22 rural Colorado hospitals announced that they had been recognized by The Chartis Center for Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence in categories including Quality, Patient Perspectives, and Outcomes, reflecting top quartile performance among all rural hospitals in the nation.

“We are delighted to see Colorado’s rural providers recognized for their continued commitment to performance excellence,” said Colorado Rural Health Center CEO Michelle Mills. “National Rural Health Day provides the perfect forum for celebrating these rural hospitals as they demonstrate their ability to serve their staff, their patients and their community, while maintaining an efficient and effective facility.”

The Performance Leadership Awards are determined each year using iVantage Health Analytics’ [Hospital Strength INDEX](#), the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging data from public data sources, the INDEX aggregates data from 50 rural-relevant metrics across eight pillars to derive a single overall percentile rating for all Critical Access Hospitals and Rural & Community Hospitals. The Performance Leadership Awards spotlight top performance in the areas of Quality, Outcomes and Patient Perspective.

“Across the country, rural providers are under tremendous pressure from a variety of market forces. On the day in which we celebrate the power of rural, it’s wonderful to be able to recognize top performers who – despite the challenges – are raising the bar with regard to providing higher quality of care within their communities,” said Michael Topchik, National Leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

Awarded Colorado Hospitals are listed in their category or categories below:

Quality

- Colorado Plains Medical Center
- Estes Park Medical Center
- Mt San Rafael Hospital
- Rio Grande Hospital
- Sedgwick County Memorial Hospital
- Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center
- Yampa Valley Medical Center
- Yuma District Health

Patient Perspectives

- Aspen Valley Hospital
- Colorado Canyons Hospital and Medical Center
- East Morgan County Hospital

- Estes Park Medical Center
- Gunnison Valley Hospital
- Pagosa Springs Medical Center
- St Anthony Summit Medical Center
- Yampa Valley Medical Center
- Wray Community District Hospital
- Valley View Hospital Association

Outcomes

- Aspen Valley Hospital
- St Thomas More Hospital
- East Morgan County Hospital
- Estes Park Medical Center
- Grand River Medical Center
- Mercy Regional Medical Center
- Montrose Memorial Hospital
- Pikes Peak Regional Hospital
- Sedgwick County Memorial Hospital
- Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center
- Sterling Regional Medical Center

About The Colorado Rural Health Center

The Colorado Rural Health Center was established in 1991 as Colorado's State Office of Rural Health. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, CRHC serves dual roles as the State Office of Rural Health with the mission of assisting rural communities in addressing healthcare issues; and as the State Rural Health Association, advocating for policy change to ensure that rural Coloradoans have access to comprehensive, affordable healthcare services of the highest quality. For more information visit www.coruralhealth.org, call 303-832-7493, or call toll free 800-851-6782 from rural Colorado.

About NOSORH

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) was established in 1995 to assist State Offices of Rural Health in their efforts to improve access to, and the quality of, health care for America's 61 million rural citizens. NOSORH enhances the capacity of SORHs to do this by supporting the development of state and community rural health leaders; creating and facilitating state, regional and national partnerships that foster information sharing and spur rural health-related programs/activities; and enhancing access to quality healthcare services in rural communities.

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