



*The State Office of Rural Health*

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### **TWO COLORADO CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS (CAHS) RECENTLY RECOGNIZED AS TOP 20 BEST PRACTICE CAHS FOR FINANCIAL STABILITY**

*The Colorado Rural Health Center is proud to announce two of its members – Grand River Health in Rifle and Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker – were recently recognized by the National Rural Health Association*

DENVER, Colo. – The top 20 critical access hospitals (CAHs) in the country are honored annually by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). This year, 60 recipients achieved success in one of three key areas of performance based on criteria determined by iVantage Health Analytics.

An awards ceremony was held during NRHA's Critical Access Hospital Conference on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Kansas City, Missouri.

The selection for the Top 20 CAHs was based on ten indices of strength including competitive strength, competitive intensity, market size and growth, population risk, cost, charge, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, and financial stability.

In addition, 60 best practice designations were also given to facilities that have achieved success in one of three key areas of performance, based on iVantage's tabulation using quality index, patient perspective index, and financial stability index. Grand River Health in Rifle and Pioneers Medical Center in Meeker, Colorado were recognized in the category of financial stability.

"We are very proud of the two Colorado CAHs that worked so hard for the recognition," says Michelle Mills, CRHC's chief executive. "It is a reflection of the commitment, dedication and innovation we are seeing among many of our state's CAHs to improve health and provide high quality care in their communities."

Click [here](#) to view the 2014 NRHA press release and to review the full list of Top 20 winners and best practice recipients.

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education and research.

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### **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](http://www.coruralhealth.org), call 303-832-7493, or call toll free 800-851-6782 from rural Colorado.

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