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Colorado Rural Health Center Honors 2026 Top 10 Rural Healthcare Facilities for Overall Performance

**The awards were presented at The Colorado Rural Healthcare Conference in Broomfield, CO
on April 17, 2026**

BROOMFIELD, CO, April 17, 2026 – The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) presented a select group of Colorado rural hospitals and clinics with the “Top 10 Rural Healthcare Facility for Overall Performance, 2026” award. Presented during The Colorado Rural Healthcare Conference, the award recognizes a commitment to quality, innovation, and service to their communities.

“Now more than ever, having care locally is vitally important for rural communities. We are proud to recognize these 10 facilities that exemplify a spirit of service while delivering high quality care, close to home,” said CRHC CEO Michelle Mills.

The Colorado Rural Health Center’s Top 10 Rural Healthcare Facilities Awards, now in their second year, are based on data from two established performance tools: the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX® and the Stroudwater Associates Rural Health Clinic Financial Dashboard. The Chartis Center for Rural Health uses INDEX Overall Performance data to identify the Top 5 Rural Hospital awardees. Now in its 16th year, the INDEX provides a comprehensive and objective evaluation of rural hospital performance. It is used nationwide by

rural hospitals, health systems with rural affiliates, hospital associations, and state offices of rural health to measure and monitor performance across key operational and financial areas. The Top 5 Rural Health Clinic awardees are determined using Stroudwater's Rural Health Clinic Financial Dashboard. The awards were based on five key criteria: preventive care and vaccination efficiency, overhead and administrative efficiency, clinical throughput, staffing stability and investment, and revenue cycle and reimbursement. The awards were presented at The Colorado Rural Healthcare Conference, held April 15-17 in Broomfield, CO.

"These standout facilities represent a year of hard work, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to excellence across our rural communities.," said Mills. "Congratulations to all awardees. You are truly an asset to your communities!"

Hospitals and Clinics Awarded included the following:

Top Five Rural Hospital awardees:

- Aspen Valley Hospital, Aspen
- East Morgan County Hospital, Brush
- Family Health West, Fruita
- Grand River Health, Rifle
- Rio Grande Hospital, Del Norte

Top Five Rural Clinics:

- Gunnison Valley Health Family Medicine, Gunnison
- Mt. San Rafael Clinic, Trinidad
- Rangely Family Medicine, Rangely
- Rio Grande Clinic, Del Norte
- Southwest Primary Care, Cortez

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 and the State Rural Health Association. The organization's mission is to enhance healthcare services in the state by providing information, education, linkages, tools, and energy toward addressing rural health issues. CRHC's vision is to improve healthcare services available in rural communities to ensure that all rural Coloradans have access to comprehensive, affordable, high quality healthcare. For more information visit www.coruralhealth.org, call 303-832-7493, or call toll free 800-851-6782 from rural Colorado.