



The State Office of Rural Health



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FORTY-TWO HOSPITALS IN COLORADO RECOGNIZED FOR TOP PERFORMANCE STATUS IN QUALITY, OUTCOMES, PATIENT SATISFACTION AND FINANCIAL STABILITY

According to the Colorado Rural Health Center this recognition serves as a testament to the tremendous accomplishments in hospital performance and patient care this year at rural and Critical Access Hospitals

DENVER, Colo. – On November 20, 2014, leaders from the rural health community from across the country celebrated the 4th Annual National Rural Health Day in recognition of achievements in rural healthcare. In support of this recognition, iVantage Health Analytics developed a data-driven program designed to identify excellence across a broad spectrum of indicators relevant to hospital performance and patient care. Forty-two of Colorado's rural hospitals were recognized for excellence this year through this analysis.

"Rural and Critical Access Hospitals throughout Colorado were well represented in this year's recognition," says Michelle Mills, chief executive at Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC).

"Rural health facilities are proving to be sources of innovation, driving advancements in the delivery of high-quality patient care with outstanding efficiency and cost effectiveness," adds Mills.

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) and iVantage partnered to recognize top quartile performance status in Quality, Outcomes, Patient Satisfaction, and Financial Stability compared to all acute care hospitals in the nation. The rankings have been designated by the Hospital Strength INDEX™, the assessment of hospital performance in the country to include all rural providers.

Six rural hospitals were recognized for Excellence in Quality – Top quartile performers in the Quality-Based pillar of INDEX (AMI, HF, PN, SCIP, OP Process of Care Scores). They include, Estes Park Medical Center, Pikes Peak Regional Hospital, Sterling Regional Medical Center, Valley View Hospital Association, Wray Community District Hospital and Yuma District Hospital.

Nine rural hospitals were recognized for Excellence in Outcomes – Top quartile performers in the Outcomes pillar of INDEX (Patient Safety Indicators, Readmissions, Mortality). They include, Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center, Centura Health-St Thomas More Hospital, Estes Park Medical Center, Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center, Mercy Regional Medical Center, Pikes Peak Regional Hospital, San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, St Anthony Summit Medical Center and Yampa Valley Medical Center.

Fifteen rural hospitals were recognized for Excellence in Patient Satisfaction – Top quartile performers in the Patient Perspective pillar of INDEX (HCAHPS “Willingness to recommend”). They include, Aspen Valley Hospital, East Morgan County Hospital, Estes Park Medical Center, Family Health West Hospital, Gunnison Valley Hospital, Haxtun Hospital District, Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center, Mercy Regional Medical Center, Pikes Peak Regional Hospital, St Anthony Summit Medical Center, St Mary’s Hospital and Medical Center, Vail Valley Medical Center, Valley View Hospital Association, Wray Community District Hospital and Yampa Valley Medical Center.

Twelve rural hospitals were recognized for Excellence in Financial Strength – Top quartile performers in the Financial Stability pillar of INDEX (Leverage, Liquidity, Capital Efficiency, and Resource Availability). They include, Aspen Valley Hospital, Colorado Plains Medical Center, Grand River Medical Center, Gunnison Valley Hospital, Melissa Memorial Hospital, Pikes Peak Regional Hospital, Pioneers Medical Center, Rio Grande Hospital, St Anthony Summit Medical Center, St Mary’s Hospital and Medical Center, Vail Valley Medical Center and Yampa Valley Medical Center.

For more information about the Hospital Strength Index™, visit www.iVantageHealth.com. For information regarding National Rural Health Day or the Colorado Rural Health Center, visit www.coruralhealth.org. To learn more about NOSORH, visit www.nosorh.org.

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.

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