

40%

of RHCs are participating in the Rural Connectivity Project



61%

of CAHs are participating in the Rural Connectivity Project



Mark your calendars! Rural Connectivity User Group

Thank you to those who took the time to attend our February User Group. CCMCN and CRHC will continue to host quarterly user group meetings, with the next meeting on **Tuesday, May 9th, 10am - 11am MST.**

The objectives of these meetings will be to:

- ✓ Increase awareness of the Community Analytics Platform (CAP) and available reports
- ✓ Collaborate on new reporting ideas
- ✓ Increase utilization and comprehension of the CAP
- ✓ Gather feedback from users for enhancements to the platform
- ✓ Understand how organizations are using the CAP

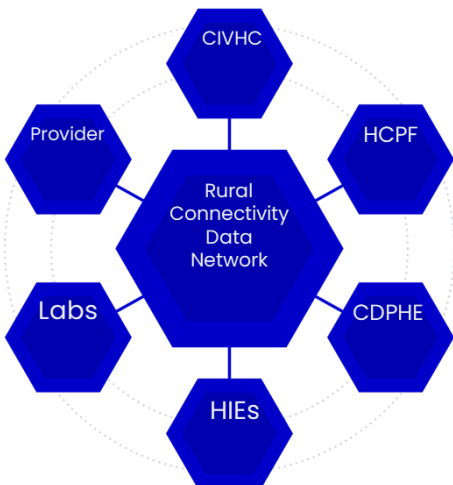
Join us for our next Rural Connectivity User Group!

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Data Sources Updates

CDPHE

CCMCN has executed agreements with the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) to collect immunization data on behalf of RHCs and CAHs who have completed the CIIS Delegatory Agreement. This data will be used initially to provide COVID-19 vaccination reporting to rural partners but aims to expand to childhood immunizations in the future. Please reach out to James Stephenson at CRHC (js@coruralhealth.org) or Demetria Flowers at CCMCN (demetria@ccmcn.com) for more information.

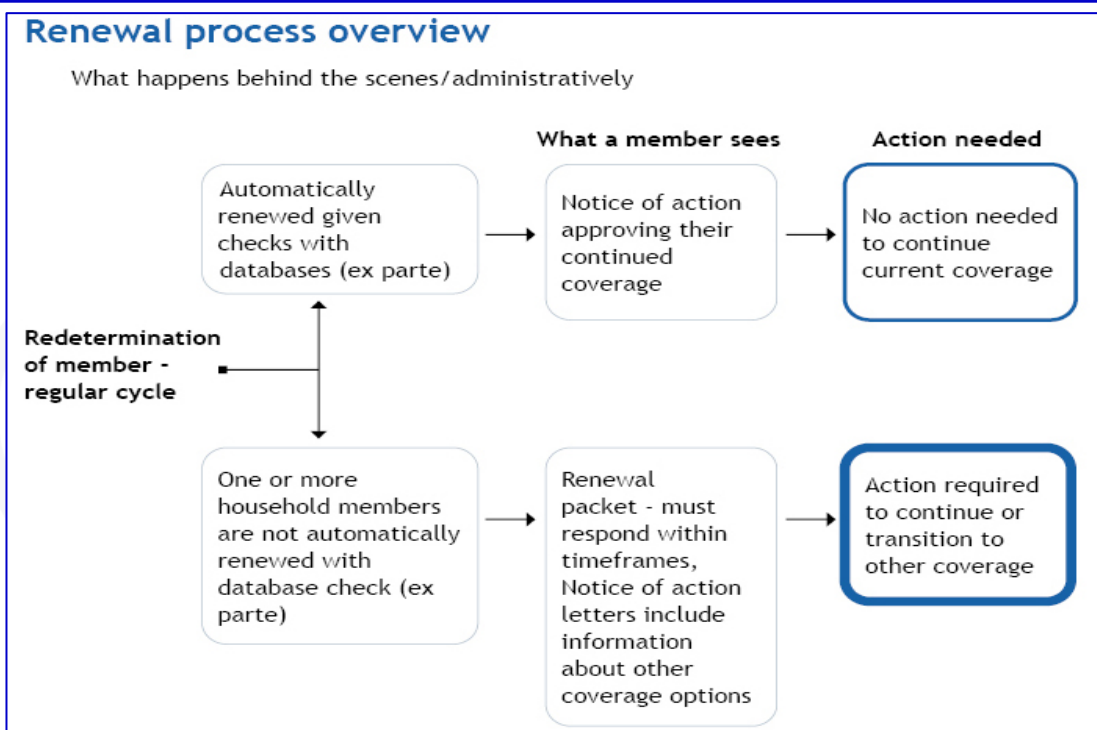


Public Health Emergency (PHE) Ending May 11, 2023

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) will be resuming the standard renewal and disenrollment process, beginning May 2023, for Health First Colorado and Child Health Plan members. This comes after a 3-year pause and the biggest growth in members (500,000) since Medicaid expansion. Here are some important facts to aid in the transition from the PHE.¹

- **HCPF will complete the renewal process over the course of 12 months (14 months including member notification which begins March 2023).**
- **More than 325,000 Coloradans or about 20% of current members may no longer be eligible.**
- **About 30% of eligible members will automatically renew and remain covered.**
- **Other members will receive a renewal packet 60–70 days prior to their renewal deadline and will need to take action to retain coverage.**
- **Renewal date is based on a member's coverage start date. Ex. If the coverage begin in June of 2022, the renewal date will be in June of 2023.**
- **For more information and additional resources, please visit <https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/renewals/>**

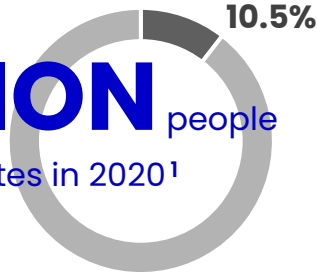
As a reminder, rural providers who have authorized CCMCN to receive Medicaid 834 enrollment files on their behalf can utilize the Current and Historical Attribution Report to review attributed members and trends in enrollment for those members. CCMCN is in conversation with HCPF to add additional information regarding re-enrollment dates to this report, which will become critical for members as the PHE comes to a close.



Diabetes in Colorado

~34.2 MILLION people

in the US were living with Diabetes in 2020¹



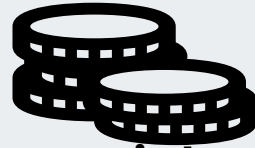
\$1 out of \$4
of US healthcare
cost is spent on
Diabetes¹

In **Colorado 35,793** people, or **7.1%** of the adult population, were living with **diagnosed diabetes** in 2020.⁵

In 2018, an estimated **117,000** people were living with diabetes but didn't know it, greatly increasing their health risk.²

32.9%

of the adult population in Colorado has been diagnosed with **Prediabetes**²



A 2017 economic burden study showed that people with diabetes incur medical costs **2.3x higher** than those without.

There were **\$2.6 billion** in total medical costs for those with diagnosed diabetes in Colorado.²

Diabetes Disparities

- ▲ Research has shown that living in rural areas can contribute to the vulnerability of people with chronic disease, including diabetes, due to geographic distance to services, number of healthcare professionals, and cultural competence.³
- ▲ **9%** of adults aged 20 and above in rural Colorado have been diagnosed with diabetes compared to **7%** in urban.⁴
- ▲ People who have **not completed high school** have the highest prevalence of diabetes.⁵
- ▲ Adults with a family income **below the federal poverty level (FPL)** have the highest prevalence of diabetes.⁵
- ▲ Minority racial/ethnic groups are at a higher risk of developing diabetes than other groups.⁵

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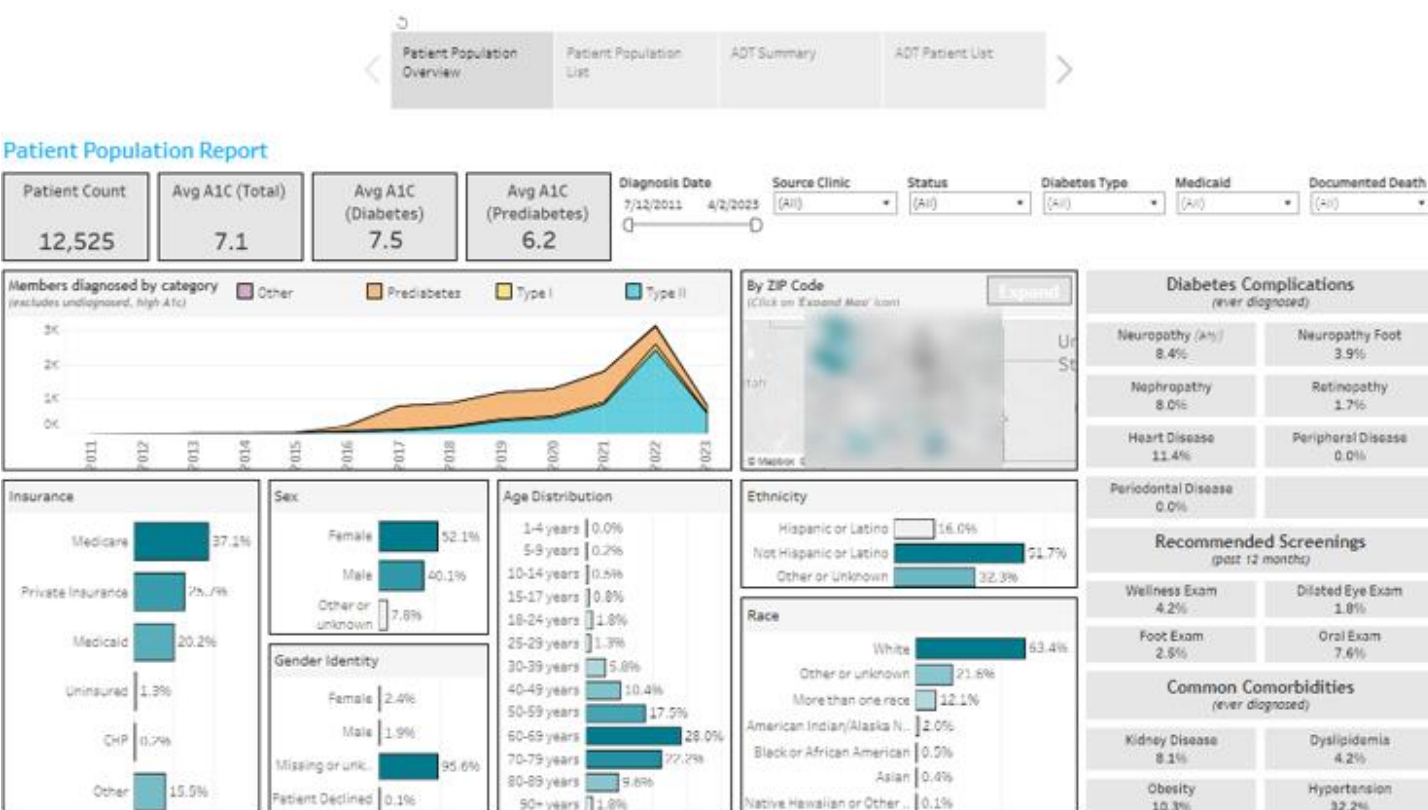
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Community Analytics Platform – Diabetes Report

Research continues to show that health information technology (HIT) offers considerable opportunities to advance health systems' roles in positively affecting the health of high-risk populations and achieving good population health. Utilizing HIT can provide a comprehensive assessment of a person's health, which goes beyond just documenting clinical diseases, medical interventions, and assessing other socio-demographic factors that can influence a patient's health. The Rural Connectivity Project strives to provide organizations with the means to view their patients' and population's health holistically.¹

What can end users gain from the Diabetes report?

- ❑ Insight into their patient population who have:
 - ❑ Diabetes Type I & II Diagnoses
 - ❑ Prediabetes Diagnoses
 - ❑ Recent High A1C lab values indicating Pre/Diabetes
- ❑ Data on comorbidities, diabetes-related complications, recommended screenings, and recent screening dates
- ❑ Social and Demographic information including age, race/ethnicity, gender identity, sex, payer, and more
- ❑ ADT messages over the last 30 days for this patient population, including a patient list for follow-up



Rural Health Today

Recent publications that contain rural health research & policy:

-  [2023 Snapshot of Rural Health](#)
-  [Community Sociodemographic and Rural Hospital Survival Analysis](#)
-  [An Interdisciplinary Telemedicine Innovation to Enhance Pediatric Diabetes Care in Rural Communities](#)
-  [Variations in Affordability of Health Care by Non-Metropolitan/Metropolitan and Race/Ethnicity Status Across Eight Geographically Dispersed States](#)

The Forum 2023

April 12th, 2023 – April 14th, 2023,
<https://coruralhealth.org/theforum>

The Colorado Rural Health Center's Annual Rural Health Forum provides an opportunity for Colorado's 55 certified Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), rural clinics, and other rural providers and healthcare professionals interested in learning more about rural healthcare to convene, learn, and network together.



Metrics are a representation of attributed patients of participating rural providers only. Incurred but not yet reported (IBNR) data is not represented.

Request a Demo

If you are interested in receiving an in-depth demonstration of the CAP and all it has to offer, please contact Demetria Flowers at demetria@ccmcn.com

Topics of Interest

Are you interested in learning more about a topic that has not yet been covered in the quarterly newsletter or CAP user group meeting? Submit any questions or topics to Demetria Flowers at demetria@ccmcn.com

Demographic Files and Trading Partner Authorization

Want to view data for your organization in the CAP? If you would like to begin submitting demographic files to CCMCN or allow CCMCN Trading Partner Authorization, please reach out to Jessica Whiting at jessica.whiting@ccmcn.com

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