

### Mark your calendars! Rural Connectivity User Group

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

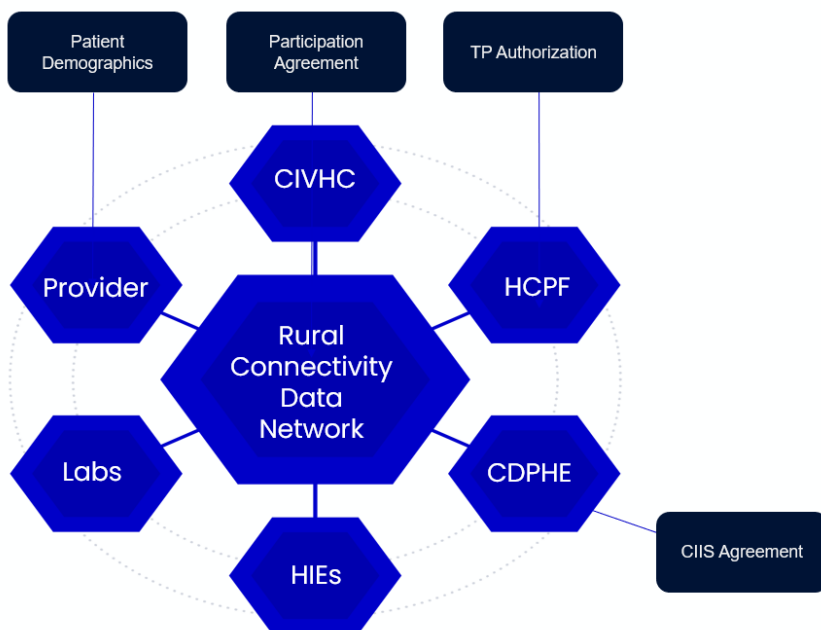
The objectives of these meetings are to:

- ✓ 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!

[Register Now](#)

### Data Sources Updates



#### Claims Data

Q3 2024 claims have been received and are now available in the CAP

## Medicaid Disenrollment

**575,605 (33.4% change) Medicaid members were disenrolled in the year after the public health emergency ended. This was the largest net Medicaid enrollment decline identified in the country.<sup>1</sup>**

High disenrollment numbers have led to an increase in the uninsured population across the state of Colorado. The Colorado Hospital Association reported that hospitals have seen over a **50%** increase in patients without insurance seeking care in the emergency department. Over **10%** of patients seeking care in the emergency department are now uninsured, up from **6.6%** to **7%** before and throughout the pandemic.<sup>1</sup>

### Uninsured Patients in the Emergency Department

Uninsured patients in the emergency department has exceeded 10% of total patients since December 2023  
Source: Colorado Hospital Association

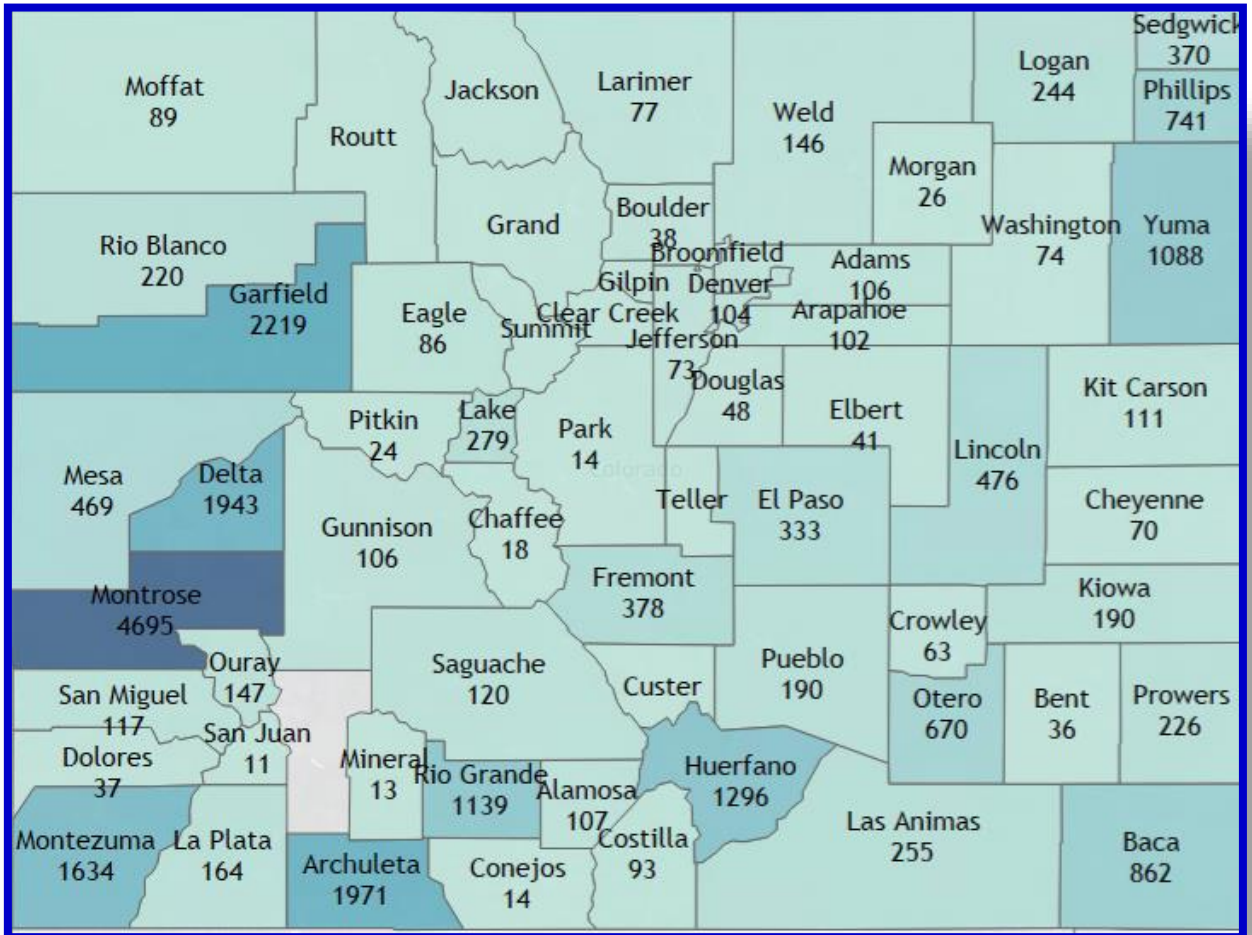


**65%** of Coloradans lost Medicaid coverage due to procedural disenrollment, which can be a result of not receiving renewal notices, lack of timely document processing by eligibility staff, or lack of knowledge in requirements. This means that there are Coloradans who still qualify for Medicaid but are going without coverage.<sup>1</sup>

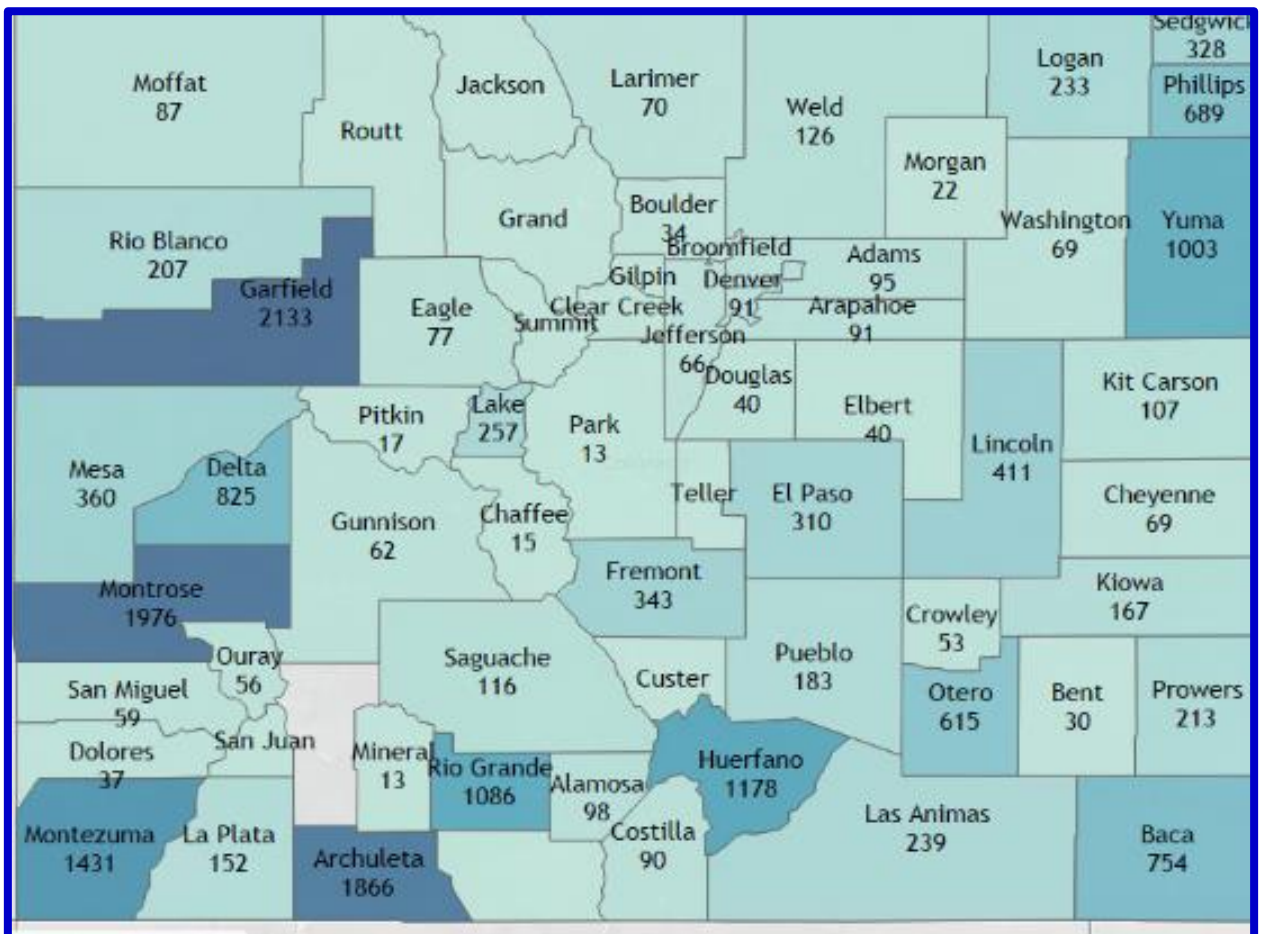
# Medicaid Disenrollment

Medicaid disenrollment information can be viewed within the community analytics platform for organizations that have completed Trading Partner authorization.

## Unique Rural Medicaid Member Disenrollment Total Members = 24,105\*

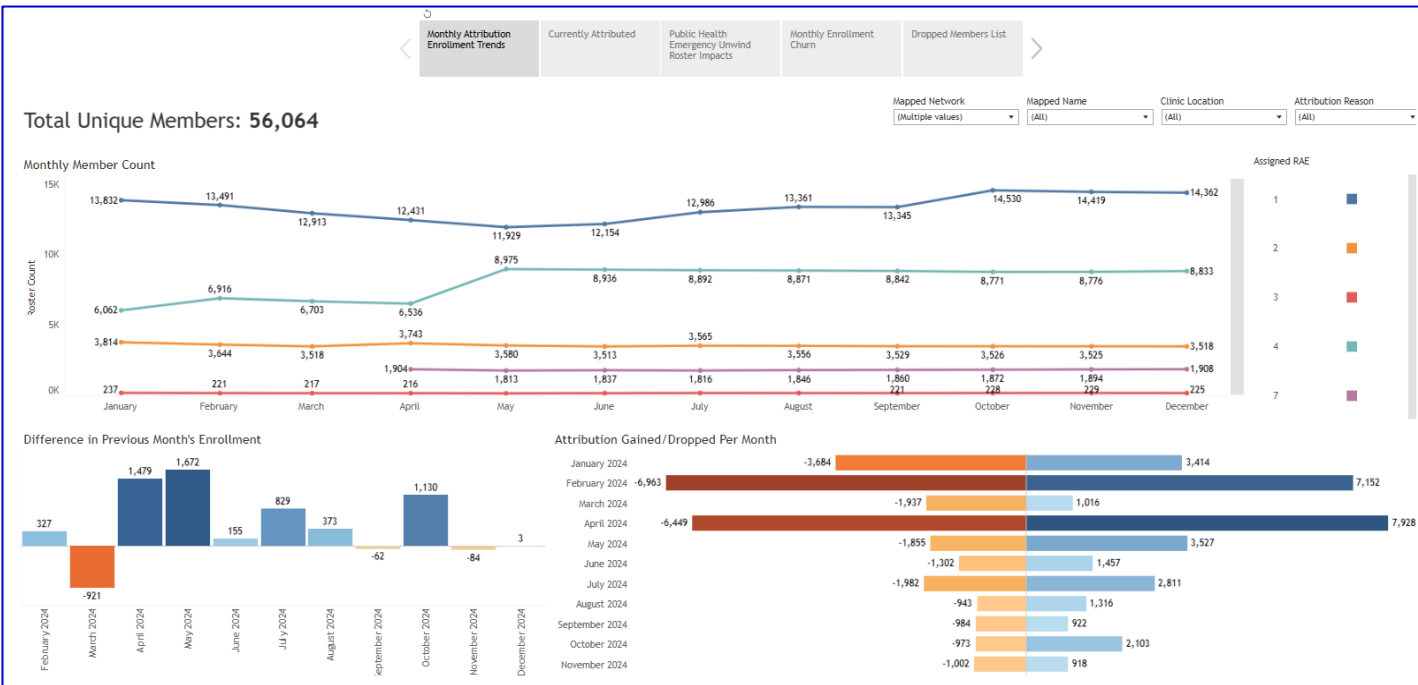


## Unique Rural Medicaid Member Disenrollment ≥ 1 month Total Members = 18,804\*



# Medicaid Disenrollment and Updates

Utilize the Current & Historical Attribution Report to identify your Medicaid attributed population, the reason for attribution, and members dropped from Medicaid attribution. To get assistance with setting up Trading Partner authorization, please contact the CRHC TA team at [ruralconnect@coruralhealth.org](mailto:ruralconnect@coruralhealth.org)



# Current Participation

There are 129 rural organizations/locations that are currently eligible for the Rural Connectivity Project and R7 Sustainability Payments



85%

of eligible organizations are contracted to participate in the Community Analytics Platform



69%

of eligible organizations have uploaded Demographics to the Community Analytics Platform



36%

of eligible organizations have completed TP Authorization



79%

of eligible organizations have completed a CIIS agreement

Participation rates are as of December 2024

Save the date!

April 16th - 18th 2025  
Omni Interlocken Hotel



## Mark your calendars!





The Colorado Rural Healthcare Conference is April 16–18<sup>th</sup> in Broomfield, CO. The Colorado Rural Healthcare Conference is the [Colorado Rural Health Center's](#) newest event, combining their previous Forum and Annual Conference together to foster collaboration and strengthen the rural healthcare delivery system. With two different tracks catering to hospitals and clinics, this conference is designed to bring a variety of rural healthcare partners together to dive deep into topics most relevant to their roles and organizations and inspire solutions to the health-related challenges rural communities face.

In addition to specialized tracks, attendees will come together to share keynote sessions, networking opportunities, and an exhibitor showcase, which will allow participants to exchange ideas, form partnerships, and explore the latest innovations and resources tailored for rural health settings.

The conference is not the only thing happening that week! Between April 15<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup>, CRHC is also hosting a rural health career fair, CAH workshop, and a trip to the Capitol for Lobby Day. [Click here](#) to get involved and build your schedule for the week

## Rural Health Today

Recent publications that contain rural health research & policy:

-  [An Examination of Medicaid Renewal Outcomes and Enrollment Changes at the End of the Unwinding](#)
-  [Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Medicaid Disenrollment After the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)
-  [Obstetric Care Access at Rural and Urban Hospitals in the United States](#)
-  [An Updated Model of Rural Hospital Financial Distress](#)
-  [News Media Coverage of Rural Hospital Closures and the Causes](#)

### Technical Assistance or Demo

If you are interested in receiving an in-depth demonstration of the CAP and all it has to offer or if you need technical assistance, please contact CRHC at [ruralconnect@coruralhealth.org](mailto:ruralconnect@coruralhealth.org).

### 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](mailto:demetria@ccmcn.com)

### Program Participation

Want to view data for your organization in the CAP? To begin participating in the Rural Connectivity Program, please contact CRHC at [ruralconnect@coruralhealth.org](mailto:ruralconnect@coruralhealth.org).