

# COLORADO RURAL HEALTH CENTER'S RURAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

The Rural Connectivity Program is a program funded by the Office of eHealth Innovation, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and in partnership with the Colorado Community Managed Care Network (CCMCN). The goals are to establish a sustainable model for rural connectivity, including connecting providers to Colorado's Health Information Exchanges (HIE) and supporting America's underserved rural population with analytics and data.



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## OUTMIGRATED CLAIMS

**COST:** An estimate of claims. The associated cost of claims can be inflated when multiple claims exist for an individual patient.

# What is Healthcare Patient Outmigration?

Healthcare Outmigration is when patients travel outside their area for medical care. This can occur for various reasons, including access to specialized treatment, perceived expertise in a particular medical field, shorter wait times, and availability of advanced technology. Capturing this information answers important questions regarding where patients are outmigrating and for what types of services.

The data below reflects outmigration for healthcare services from **July 1, 2022 - March 1, 2024**. Patient outmigration data includes data from the Colorado All Payer Claims Database (CO APCD) provided by the Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC).

## WHY DOES OUTMIGRATION MATTER?

Every patient leaving your community for care is a blow to the bottom line. Local rural healthcare facilities are the lifeblood of rural communities. The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) aims to help you keep your valued patients in your community, saving them time and money, and helping your facility stay sustainable while providing high quality, affordable care.

## PATIENTS WITH FIVE OR MORE OUTMIGRATED CLAIMS ARE SEEKING ROUTINE CARE

Outmigrated patients threshold =5, Primary Care.

**35,459**

Total Outmigrated  
Patients



**\$303,075,934**

Cost of Outmigrated  
Claims

**877,070**

Total Claims



**506,045 (58%)**

Outmigrated  
Claims

## Resulting in



**1.4 million**  
miles driven to  
rendering clinic

## Largest Outmigrating Group



**Females,  
Age 46+**

## Type of Service

- 1 Immunizations
- 2 Routine Child Care
- 3 Hypertension
- 4 General Adult Exam
- 5 Upper Respiratory Infection
- 6 Type 2 Diabetes

# THE COLORADO RURAL HEALTH CENTER CAN HELP

The Colorado Rural Health Center's Rural Connectivity Program can help you make changes in the health outcomes of your community. CRHC is equipped with the data to make on the ground changes that positively impact your facilities and patients. CRHC utilizes the Community Analytics Platform to assist organizations by analyzing outmigration trends within their populations. Decreasing outmigration benefits your patients, your community, and your facility.

## ABOUT THE COLORADO RURAL HEALTH CENTER

The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is Colorado's nonprofit State Office of Rural Health. CRHC works with federal, state, and local partners to offer services and resources to rural healthcare providers, facilities and communities. We have a diverse and inclusive statewide constituency serving organizations in every corner of the state.

Our mission is to enhance healthcare services in the state by providing information, education, linkages, tools, and energy toward addressing rural health issues. Our vision is to improve healthcare services available in rural communities to ensure that all rural Coloradans have access to comprehensive, affordable, high quality healthcare.

## OUTMIGRATION OVERVIEW REPORT

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### Outmigration Overview

Reports are technical assistance reports between the Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) and facilities participating in the Rural Connectivity Program. Reach out to CRHC to learn more about facility-specific data with recommendations on how to recoup lost revenue and increase patient satisfaction by providing care locally.

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