

RURAL CONNECTIVITY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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WHAT IS RURAL CONNECTIVITY?

The Rural Connectivity Program aims to increase access to health information technology (HIT) resources and analytics for Colorado's Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs).

Carina Health Network leads a **Community Analytics Platform (CAP)**, a comprehensive suite of custom analytics, which allows rural health providers to better understand their:

- ♦ Population health
- ♦ Costs of care
- ♦ Operational inefficiencies

By accessing the critical analytic intelligence provided through the CAP and Innovaccer platforms, providers are able to:

- ♦ Review practices and policies
- ♦ Develop programs
- ♦ Reduce cost
- ♦ Refine practices
- ♦ Improve population health
- ♦ Increase funding

In partnership with:

**COLORADO
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The State Office of Rural Health

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These newsletters are distributed quarterly to provide users with helpful tips for navigating the CAP and beneficial insights, demonstrated within the data. Providers can utilize this to identify trends within their own attributed population.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our next Rural Connectivity User Group on: **Tuesday, November 18th, 10-11 am MST***.

Please join us as we continue to discuss features of Innovaccer's Cost Management Dashboard!

[Click here to register.](#)

**This meeting was rescheduled from November 11th to accommodate the Veteran's Day Holiday.
Please ensure that your calendar reflects the new date and time.*

Meeting objectives:

- ♦ Increase awareness of the CAP, Innovaccer, and available reports
- ♦ Collaborate on new reporting ideas
- ♦ Increase utilization and comprehension of CAP and Innovaccer
- ♦ Learn about other internal reporting that may exist
- ♦ Gather feedback from users for enhancement of current reporting
- ♦ Characterize how organizations are using existing reporting

R7 PAYMENTS

Sustainability payments, \$100,000 per Critical Access Hospital and \$20,000 per Rural Health Clinic, were issued on August 1, 2025, for qualifying rural providers participating in the state's Rural Connectivity Program. The next round of payments will be issued on August 1, 2026. To be eligible, rural providers will make sustained efforts to maintain or increase their level of connectivity with one of the state's HIEs and the CAP by July 25, 2026.



INNOVACCER: RISK MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD

The Risk Management Dashboard is designed to monitor, analyze, and optimize risk scores within your organization. The risk model used in the dashboard is dependent on payer.

- Medicare = CMS-HCC Risk Model
- Medicaid = CDPS Risk Model
- Commercial = HHS-HCC Risk Model

The Risk Management Dashboard can also assist with:

Identifying gaps in risk

Evaluating coding practices

Generating lists of care gaps for closure

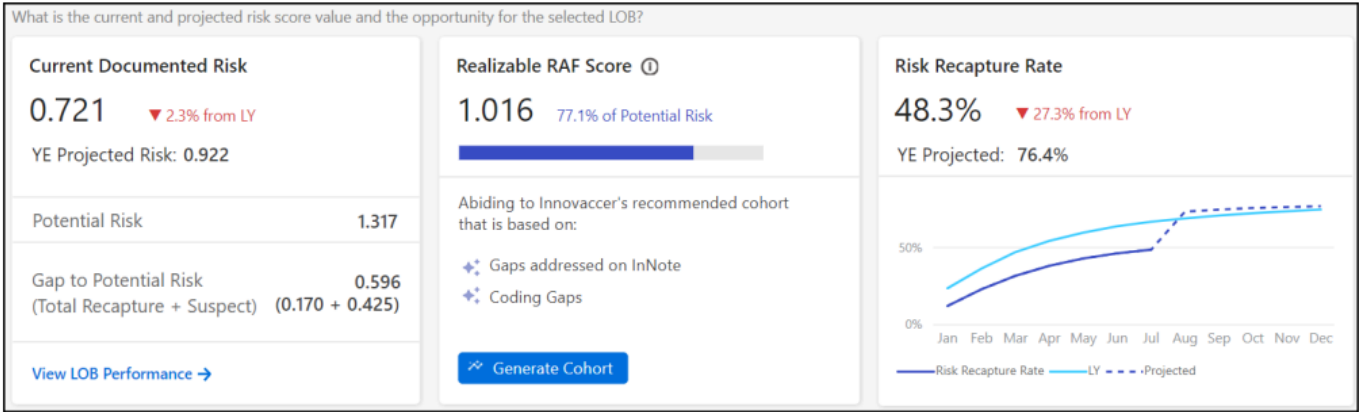
Comparing risk across various lines of business

Medicare Gap to Potential Risk: 0.355 #Members: 45,253	Medicaid Gap to Potential Risk: 0.763 #Members: 150,311	Commercial Gap to Potential Risk: 0.467 #Members: 107,252	MA Gap to Potential Risk: 0.434 #Members: 39,591
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Why Does Risk Matter?

A clear understanding of organizational risk can drive improved financial performance and patient care planning. It also supports a proactive rather than reactive approach to patient care and cost management, encourages comprehensive care for individuals with complex needs, and enhances the ability to predict future healthcare spending.

WHERE TO START



Current Documented Risk Widget

Comparing current risk to potential risk helps identify opportunities to improve coding accuracy and enhance chronic condition recapture rates.

Realizable RAF Score Widget

Generating an actionable cohort based on realizable RAF scores enables streamlined risk score improvement by targeting patients with the greatest potential impact.

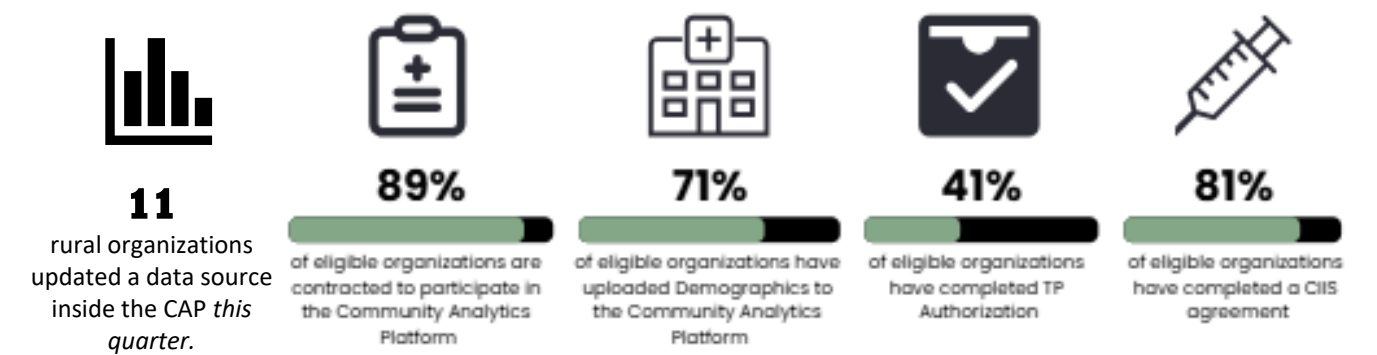
Risk Recapture Rate Widget

Tracking risk recapture rates provides valuable insight into chronic condition recapture methods and helps evaluate how implemented interventions are influencing these outcomes.

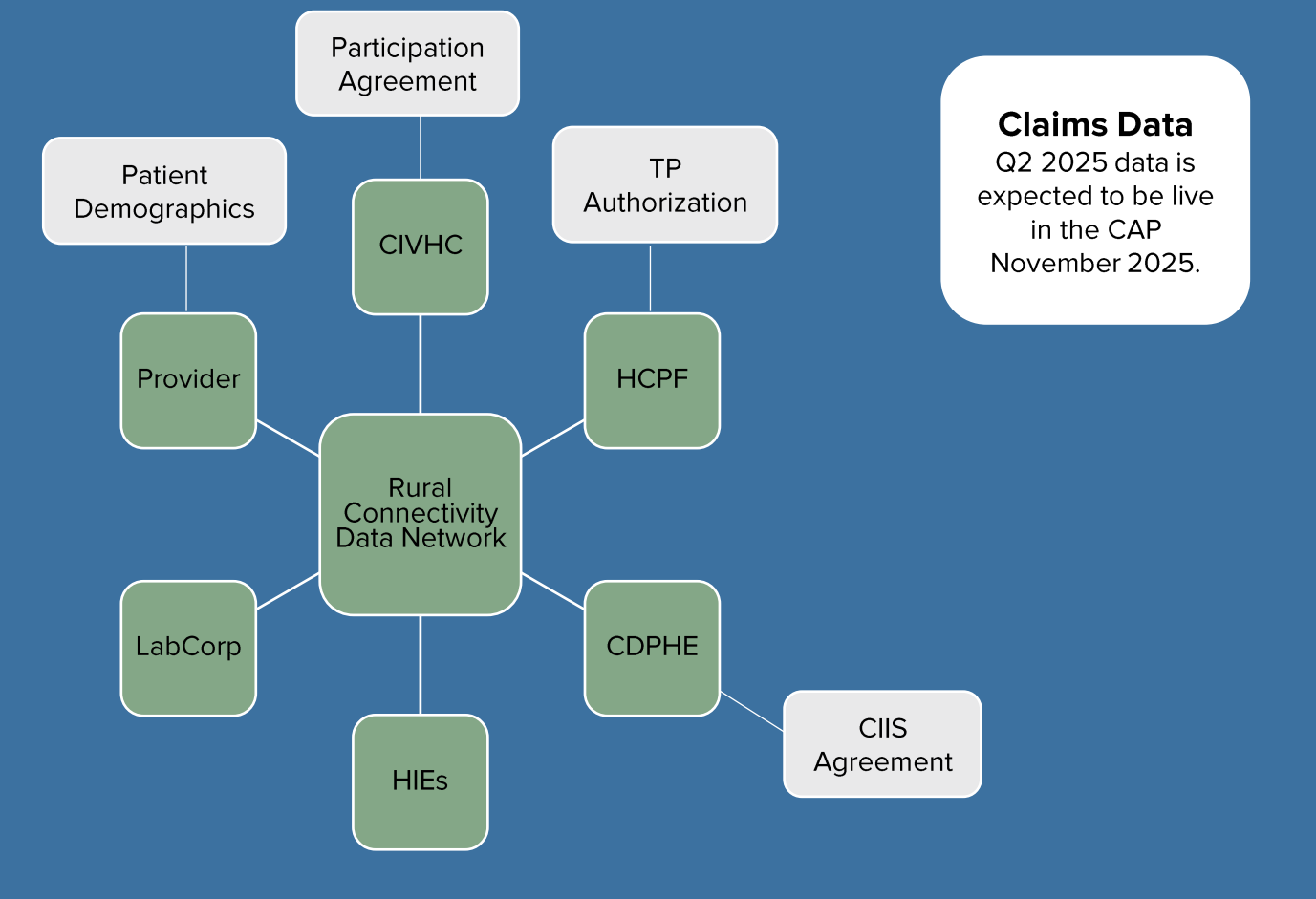


CURRENT PARTICIPATION

There are **132** rural organizations/locations that are currently eligible for the Rural Connectivity Program and R7 Sustainability Payments.



DATA SOURCE UPDATES



Technical Assistance or Demo

If you are interested in receiving an in-depth demonstration of the CAP or Innovaccer, or if you need technical assistance, please contact CRHC at 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 Rachel Artz-Steinberg at rachel.artz-steinberg@carinahealth.org

Program Participation

Want to view data for your organization in the CAP or Innovaccer? To begin participating in the Rural Connectivity Program or to request a demonstration, please contact CRHC at ruralconnect@coruralhealth.org

