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SAFETY NET CLINIC WEEK 2015

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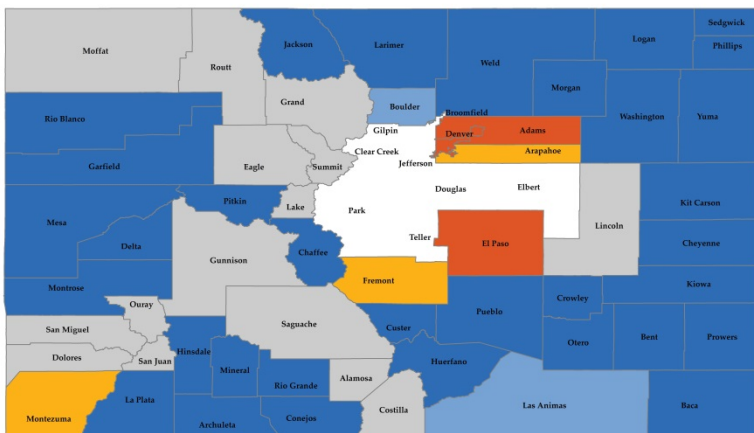
Who we serve



Over 1 MILLION visits a year

Annually, Colorado's Community Safety Net Clinics (CSNCs) and Federally Certified Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) provide an estimated 1,250,000 visits to approximately 344,000 rural and underserved Coloradans. The clinics primarily serve Coloradans who are uninsured, underinsured or publicly insured through Medicaid, CHP+ and Medicare.

Where we serve



CSNCs and RHCs include 94 clinics located in 41 counties throughout Colorado.

To learn more about county designations visit www.coruralhealth.org/resources/maps-resource

How many Safety Net Clinics are in your county?

- 0
- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- >7
- no data

How we serve



All CSNCs and RHCs are unique and diverse. Clinics fund their operations through various means including grants, patient revenue and/or in-kind donations and clinic staffing models often include volunteer providers. These clinics also provide a variety of services including primary care, behavioral health, oral health care, optical and/or specialty care.

If possible, clinics will not turn patients away based on an inability to pay and some clinics provide services completely free of charge. Uninsured patients are often asked to pay services at a flat fee or on a sliding fee scale.

CSNCs and RHCs do not receive any supplemental federal funding and do not receive enhanced Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates to provide services to our state's most vulnerable individuals.

Community Safety Net Clinics (CSNCs)

Currently, there are 43 identified CSNCs serving approximately 150,000 Coloradans and providing 495,000 patient visits each year. CSNCs have grown organically due to forward thinking civic-minded individuals that recognize that many Coloradans are still lacking access to timely health services, despite the presence of other safety net providers in their community.

CSNCs are diverse and may include:

- Community Clinics (including school-based health clinics and mobile units)
- Free or Charitable Clinics (predominately faith-based)
- Residency Clinics (associated with hospitals where medical residents train under supervision of the faculty)
- Other Safety Net Providers (including rural providers and private practices)

Rural Health Clinics, federally certified (RHCs)

An RHC is a federally designated clinic located in a non-urban health care professional shortage area. There are 51 RHCs in Colorado, which serve approximately 194,400 unique patients per year with 630,560 annual visits. RHCs must be staffed by at least one nurse practitioner, physician assistant or certified nurse midwife who are on-site to see patients at least 50 percent of the time the clinic is open. However, RHCs do not receive any additional federal funding to operate other than Medicare and Medicaid.

RHCs are diverse and may include:

- Affiliation with the local hospital
- Owned and operated by the local town or county
- Owned and operated by an individual practitioner

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How You Can Participate

Join us and support Colorado's safety net clinics! To learn more about Colorado's health care safety net and Safety Net Clinic Week 2015 contact Jess Worley at jessica.worley@clinicnet.org or visit ClinicNET at www.clinicnet.org or the Colorado Rural Health Center at www.coruralhealth.org.

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