344,000 Coloradans visit a Safety Net Clinic every year, equivalent to 1/2 of rural residents or 1/2 of Denver residents.

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. These clinics often provide care for patients in neighboring counties.

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
- >7
- 3-4
- no affiliated clinics
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