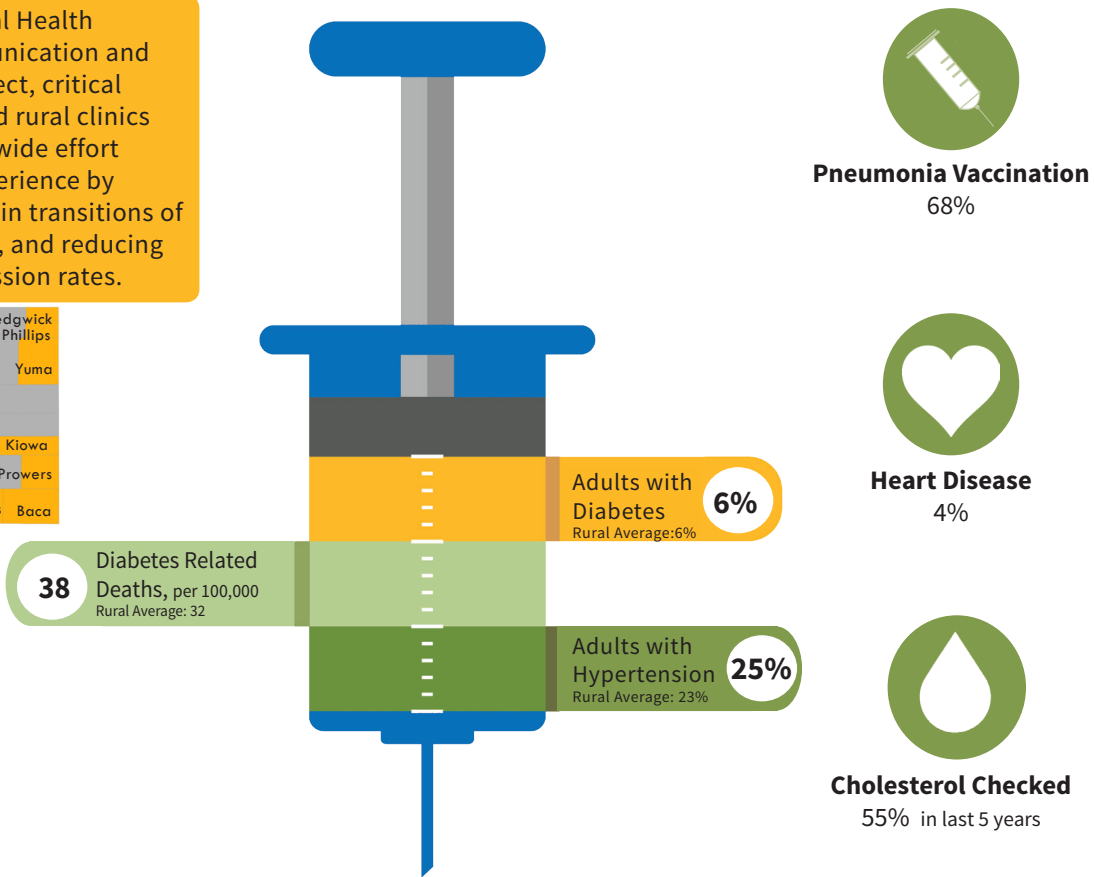
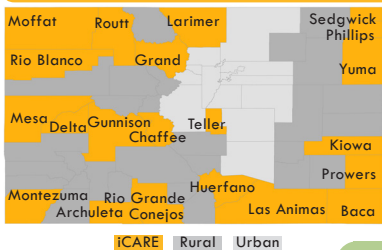


# IMPROVING COMMUNICATION AND READMISSIONS IN THE RURAL SETTING

- Project Participants -

## HOW iCARE PARTICIPANTS COMPARE TO RURAL COLORADO

Through the Colorado Rural Health Center's Improving Communication and Readmissions (iCARE) project, critical access hospitals (CAHs) and rural clinics are participating in a statewide effort to improve the patient experience by improving communication in transitions of care and clinical processes, and reducing avoidable hospital readmission rates.

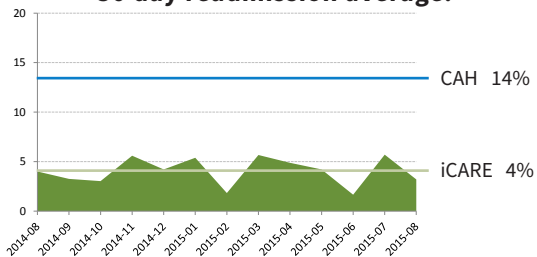


These statistics portray the importance of quality improvement initiatives.

## FACILITY DATA

### Critical Access Hospitals

30 day readmission average:

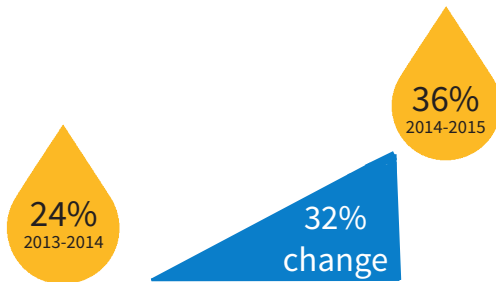


Hospital readmissions measure the ratio of patients readmitted to a CAH within 30 days with the same or similar diagnosis to the total inpatient discharges.

### Rural Clinics

Diabetic patients with a LDL < 100mg/dl

Since 2013, there has been a 32% improvement of patients with a reported LDL below the national benchmark.



Having an LDL below 100mg/dl is a national benchmark set by the American Association of Diabetes.

All data is rounded to nearest whole number  
All facility data: July 2013-2015  
For more information on the HARC Data Bank contact info@coruralhealth.org

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