The definition of rural varies depending on the purpose of the program or policy in which it is used. Therefore, this refers to programmatic designations, rather than definitions. The designation used by CRHC is based on information obtained through the Office of Management and Budget: All counties that are not designated as parts of Metropolitan Areas (MAs) are considered rural. Contact the Office of Rural Health Policy at www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth for further information.

Data Source Information:
Site addresses were collected and geocoded by the State Office of Rural Health, current as of February 2016.

Of Colorado’s 47 rural counties:
11 do not have a hospital
2 do not have a rural clinic or hospital

* Inclusive of all federally recognized rural health facilities: Federally Qualified Health Center, Federally Certified Rural Health Clinics, Critical Access Hospitals, and Rural PPS Hospitals.