

Healthcare

Garfield County has robust healthcare options. These include two established hospitals: Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs, and Grand River Hospital and Medical Center in Rifle. Both provide state-of-the-art professional medical care for residents of Garfield County. In addition, there are innumerable general and specialized clinics, as well as well-respected alternative medicine facilities such as naturopathic doctors, therapists, and acupuncturists.

HOSPITALS AND CLINICS

Valley View Hospital

Established in 1955, Valley View Hospital is a community-owned, nonprofit hospital with a sterling reputation for professionalism and patient services. It is a fully licensed, 78-bed hospital, with inpatient and outpatient surgical units and a 24-hour emergency room.

Valley View Hospital is one of only 160 hospitals worldwide to be designated as a Planetree Hospital, and is one of Truven Health Analytics' Top-100 hospitals. Valley View has also been recognized for excellence by Healthgrades, J.D. Power & Associates, and Consumer Reports. The array of specialty services in the Glenwood campus includes the Calaway Young Cancer Center, the High Mountain Brain & Spinal Surgery Center, the Heart & Vascular Center and the Cardiovascular Innovation and Research Institute. Valley View's countywide services include a state-of-the-art facility in Carbondale, a medical care center in Silt and several specialty centers and physician practices.

Grand River Hospital and Medical Center

The Grand River Hospital and Medical Center opened in Rifle in 2003, and houses a clinic, physical therapy and surgery center, along with an emergency and radiology center. It offers state-of-the-art surgical services, outpatient services, and a caring and experienced inpatient medical-surgical, acute care unit and a 24/7 emergency department. The center is equipped to handle approximately 80 percent of the emergency cases that come through its doors, but it does not deliver babies. Partnered with family practitioners, talented surgeons, and a modern radiology department and laboratory, all located on campus, the facility and staff provide exceptional healthcare. It has an impressive physical therapy department. The clinic is a high quality, low-cost alternative to the emergency department for treating non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries and offers after-hours care.

Battlement Mesa Medical Center

Operated by Grand River Health District, the Battlement Mesa Medical Center offers a variety of services and is staff with experienced family medicine practitioners. The facility is conveniently located in Battlement Mesa, adjacent to the town of Parachute.

E. Dene Moore Care Center

Operated by Grand River Health District, long-term care is available at the E. Dene Moore Care Center, located in Rifle. This 57-bed, long term care, rehabilitation and respite care facility accepts Medicaid, Medicare, Medicare Part A, private pay and managed care contracts. Its physician led health care team, skilled nursing and registered dietitian provide 24-hour care services. The clinic is open seven days a week.

St. Mary's Hospital

St. Mary's Hospital, located in Grand Junction, Colorado, but only 45 miles from Parachute, is dedicated to meeting the healthcare needs of the residents of western Colorado and eastern Utah. St. Mary's is a

not-for-profit hospital founded in 1896 by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. Today, St. Mary's is the largest medical center between Denver and Salt Lake City, with over 350 beds, 2,000 staff, and 300 active physicians. The hospital physicians represent more than 40 specialties, and it is dedicated to providing specialized services, experienced professionals, and the latest in techniques and technology close to home for the people of western Colorado and eastern Utah. St. Mary's Hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education, the Colorado Medical Society, and the American Association of Blood Banks.

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION CLINIC AND HOSPITAL

Located in Grand Junction, the Veteran's Administration Medical Center (VAMC) serves 37,000 veterans. VAMC exists to serve veterans through the delivery of timely, quality care, by staff who demonstrate outstanding customer service, and promote the advancement of health care through research, and the education of tomorrow's health care providers. The VAMC operates 53 beds, comprised of 23 acute care and 30 Transitional Care Unit beds. The VAMC provides primary and secondary care, including acute medical, surgical, and psychiatric inpatient services, as well as a full range of outpatient services. The VAMC was the recipient of the 2001 Presidential Award for Quality and the 1999 Robert W. Carey Quality Award Trophy. It is the first and only organization ever in VA to earn the Presidential Award for Quality.

Located in Glenwood Springs, the Glenwood Springs TeleHealth Clinic is a satellite clinic of the Grand Junction VA Medical Center. Its mission is to provide primary health care to veterans living in the Glenwood Springs area, including Pitkin and Eagle counties, and other surrounding communities. The TeleHealth Clinic offers services in primary care visits and follow-up, mental health visits, wound care, pre and post-operative care, nurse clinic visits, immunizations, patient education, medication management, laboratory: blood drawing services, and diabetes management. The clinic also offers veterans the opportunity to speak face-to-face with a benefits representative at the Denver Regional Benefits Office via a secure teleconferencing system.

GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

The Garfield County Public Health Department ensures that residents of Garfield County have access to resources that promote optimal health, safety and well-being. Its mission is to prevent disease and promote healthy behavior by targeting the highest standards of health for individuals and communities. The county provides a variety of services,

including blood pressure screenings, car seat checks, communicable disease surveillance, early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment for Medicaid clients (EPSDT). It has health care programs for children with special needs (HCP), health education, immunizations for children and adults, prenatal case management, tobacco prevention, travel vaccinations, and administers the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutritional supplement program. It also has an environmental health division that provides the most robust air quality monitoring program in the state.

