

Pioneers Medical Center Responds to Denver Business Journal Article

Response to Six rural Colorado hospitals are identified as being at 'immediate' risk of closing

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While not immune to healthcare's financial challenges, [Pioneers Medical Center](#) is unwavering in its

commitment to its mission. CEO Liz Sellers emphasized, "Pioneers Medical Center is driven by our purpose: to provide high-quality, individualized care. Part of that care is providing an

exceptional patient experience during every stage of treatment. Despite the challenges critical access hospitals face, Pioneers Medical Center is not in immediate danger of closure. Our strategic expansion of service lines, in response to the evolving needs of our community, has resulted in a positive operating margin, demonstrating our financial stability and growth. Our

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unwavering commitment to our mission is at the heart of Pioneers Medical Center's operations. This commitment guides every action and decision, ensuring high-quality healthcare services to our community.”

Colorado hospitals and health systems are dedicated to improving the health of their communities by providing affordable, accessible, and high-quality healthcare. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant financial and operational impact on hospitals, and the challenges continue to grow. Hospitals face financial

difficulties due to increasing expenses, changes in patient visits, new state and federal regulations, and administrative and reimbursement difficulties from health insurance companies. The Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform has highlighted these challenges faced by Colorado hospitals in its reports. It's important to note that the data is based on a specific point in time and lacks context or additional information that could provide a better



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understanding of the rankings. The reports also do not consider hospitals' various measures to address financial difficulties and continue serving their communities. Fortunately, Colorado has not experienced any recent hospital closures, largely due to strong hospital leadership, community support, and collaboration from key stakeholders including the state legislature and health agencies.

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