



CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL RECOGNITION: FY2016 INNOVATION IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital

Nogales, Arizona

[Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital \(CHCH\)](#), located in Nogales, Arizona, has been recognized for innovation in emergency medical services. In 2014, health care providers serving residents of Santa Cruz County, Arizona, came together to create the Community Healthcare Integrated Paramedicine Project (CHIPP).



Executives and staff from Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital accept CAH Recognition award from the Arizona Flex Program.

Positive Outcomes

- CHCH partnered with Rio Rico Medical & Fire District to maximize successes from federal Rural Health Services Outreach Program grant for CHIPP in 2015
- Home visits from Community Paramedics showed a reduction in Emergency Department visits and hospital readmissions
- Active collaboration with the state Flex Program

Top Accomplishments

CHCH is a proud partner in CHIPP and continues to find innovative models of care to provide quality health care for all Santa Cruz County communities. Debra Knapheide, CHCH Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Nursing Officer, states:

"We are proud to be recognized for our work in this collaborative effort to deliver health care that is affordable, high-quality and necessary for the good of our community. Holy Cross Hospital is committed to keeping pace with health care transformation, which is key to sustaining access to health services for rural communities."