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### Montana Health Network Members Join CCA Rx to Save on Prescription Costs

Grand Junction, CO, January 29, 2026 – Community Care Alliance's (CCA) CCA Rx program has added the Montana Health Network Health Insurance Plan and Trust that provides self-funded benefit coverage to 31 healthcare entities representing over 4,100 lives through a partnership with the Montana Health Network (MHN). The addition includes rural hospitals, physician practices, long-term care facilities, and nursing homes.

"We look forward to this partnership to bring transparency, opportunities for engagement, and reduced costs for plan beneficiaries as they access their pharmacy benefits," said MHN's CEO, Chris Hopkins.

"The implementation has gone well and CCA Rx has been incredibly responsive."

The MHN partnership caps a year of significant growth for CCA Rx. In addition to MHN, the program also added three rural hospital groups in Colorado, Utah, and Michigan for a combined total of 34 employer groups. CCA Rx now serves 36 employer groups, representing 9,000 lives, positioning these entities to achieve prescription cost savings for their employees and families.

#### How CCA Rx Delivers Transparency and Savings

- **100% Provider-controlled:** Governed by rural healthcare providers who understand patient needs, not executives focused on quarterly profits.
- **Complete Financial Transparency:** Every dollar is accounted for with no spread pricing or rebates.
- **100% Rebate Pass-through:** Unlike traditional Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) that retain manufacturer rebates, CCA Rx returns every penny to plan sponsors.
- **Custom Formulary Management:** CCA Rx's Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee builds drug plans tailored to the needs of employees and families rather than PBM profitability.
- **Advanced Technology Partnership:** CCA Rx leverages FairScript's pharmacy technology platform to deliver cost savings without corporate markup.

In 2025, CCA Rx partnered with Mark Cuban's Cost Plus Drug Company, bringing nationally recognized prescription cost savings to rural America.

"We're thrilled to welcome MHN to CCA Rx," said Western Healthcare Alliance's CEO, Angelina Salazar. "This partnership brings together rural healthcare providers who share our commitment to transparency and putting patients before profits. Together, we're proving that rural healthcare organizations can take control of prescription costs and deliver real savings to the employees and families we serve."

#### Addressing the Self-funded Employer Challenge

For years, traditional PBMs have operated with opaque pricing structures, hidden rebates, and costs disconnected from actual drug prices. Rural healthcare systems have been particularly vulnerable to these practices.

Founded in 2015 by Western Healthcare Alliance, a rural healthcare network serving some of Colorado's most underserved communities, the CCA has evolved from a population health initiative into a Clinically and Financially Integrated Network with a comprehensive solution to PBM pricing opacity. When rural providers recognized the financial impact of PBM middlemen, they created CCA Rx as an alternative.

As prescription drug costs continue rising and traditional PBMs maintain limited transparency, self-funded employers face mounting financial pressure. CCA Rx provides measurable savings, complete transparency, and direct control over prescription benefits — particularly critical for rural employers with limited options.

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#### **About CCA Rx**

CCA Rx is a provider-governed pharmacy benefit manager created by the Community Care Alliance to deliver transparent, cost-effective prescription benefits to self-funded employers, with a focus on rural healthcare systems. [wha1.org/ccarx](http://wha1.org/ccarx)

#### **About Community Care Alliance**

Community Care Alliance (CCA) is a Clinically and Financially Integrated Network (CFIN) established in 2015 by members of Western Healthcare Alliance to provide a population health infrastructure for rural hospitals and provider communities, meeting members wherever they are on the value-based care delivery spectrum. The CCA CFIN has multiple value-based payment arrangements and single-signature authority to facilitate value-based reimbursement while aligning clinical processes and care coordination to improve patient outcomes and reduce the total cost of care. For more information, visit [wha1.org/cca](http://wha1.org/cca).

#### **About Montana Health Network**

Montana Health Network (MHN) was established in 1987 by innovative CEOs who saw the benefit of collaboration as they recognized common needs in their healthcare organizations. Since that time, MHN has developed a wide array of products and services that have benefited those institutions providing healthcare to their communities. The products and services are developed, owned, and governed by the facilities they serve. [montanahealthnetwork.com](http://montanahealthnetwork.com)

#### **About Western Healthcare Alliance**

Western Healthcare Alliance (WHA) began in 1989 when a small group of rural Colorado hospitals decided that there was power in numbers. Today, WHA celebrates over 35 years of collaboration with healthcare members in Colorado, Utah, and Michigan. With a portfolio of member-owned and partner programs, WHA saves members money that helps them remain sustainable and viable in their communities. A subset of WHA members own Healthcare Management, a sister company of WHA, which provides revenue cycle solutions to healthcare entities. For more information visit [wha1.org](http://wha1.org).

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