



Critical

Access

Hospitals

Healthcare

### Helping you stay ahead of change

Critical access hospitals are a vital community resource, delivering front-line care to rural communities. Yet despite their importance, CAHs are particularly vulnerable to regulatory changes and federal policies that threaten your survival.

With a fundamentally distinct financial model, you operate differently than larger care providers and have fewer in-house resources to implement change. Your success often hinges on finding answers to difficult questions like these:

- Can we reduce uncompensated care?
- How can we best leverage our CAH designation?
- Are we providing the right service mix for quality and profitability?
- How can we plan in a changing regulatory environment?
- How do we upgrade facilities and manage debt?

### The Wipfli difference

Wipfli works with critical access hospitals to reduce risk, optimize operations and increase overall value. Whatever your challenge, we're here to help you solve it. With deep industry experience and a breadth of business acumen, we help your organization thrive.

Our healthcare team specializes in the services you offer and those you're looking to add, such as master facilities planning. Experienced healthcare advisors are the ones who make a real difference. We know healthcare, operations, regulations compliance, reimbursement, risk management and more.

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# Specialized advisors for Critical Access Hospitals

We understand the important role you play within your community. Let us help secure your future.



## Financial stability

Wipfli can review your operational performance. We provide comprehensive financial services, including audit and accounting, financial benchmarking and long-term capital planning. Get business insights to improve financial performance and sustain those benefits over the long term.



## Reimbursements and revenue cycle

It takes people, systems and processes all working together to evaluate reimbursement options. Our team helps you consider all payment sources and charge capture opportunities to help increase the profitability of CAHs. We prepare cost reports and assist with appeals and denial management, rate setting, chargemaster reviews, volume decline studies, bad debt assistance and settlement projections.



## Operations and staffing

From talent issues to quality and cost management, we tackle whatever's holding you back. Wipfli works with CAHs to address your specific challenges, including system integrations, 340B program compliance, swing-bed analysis, executive search and interim management, human capital management and more.



## Capital and facility planning

Wipfli can help establish the business case for your proposed project and deliver solutions across all phases of a capital project. Our services include: strategic planning, facility planning, debt capacity analysis, market and physician demand, feasibility studies, financial advisory, financial proforma development, construction compliance and monitoring.



## Risk advisory

Cyber risk threatens every organization. Identify your risk posture, bolster security and get assurance that healthcare data is being protected and managed according to policy. Wipfli offers cybersecurity testing, HIPAA risk assessments, incident response and HITRUST services.



## Healthcare technology

The right technology will lower costs and protect your healthcare data. We provide software selection, implementation, training and ongoing support, as well as other technology-related services.

## Let's get started

Contact us to find out how your critical access hospital could benefit from partnering with Wipfli.

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