



Tech Ready Communities

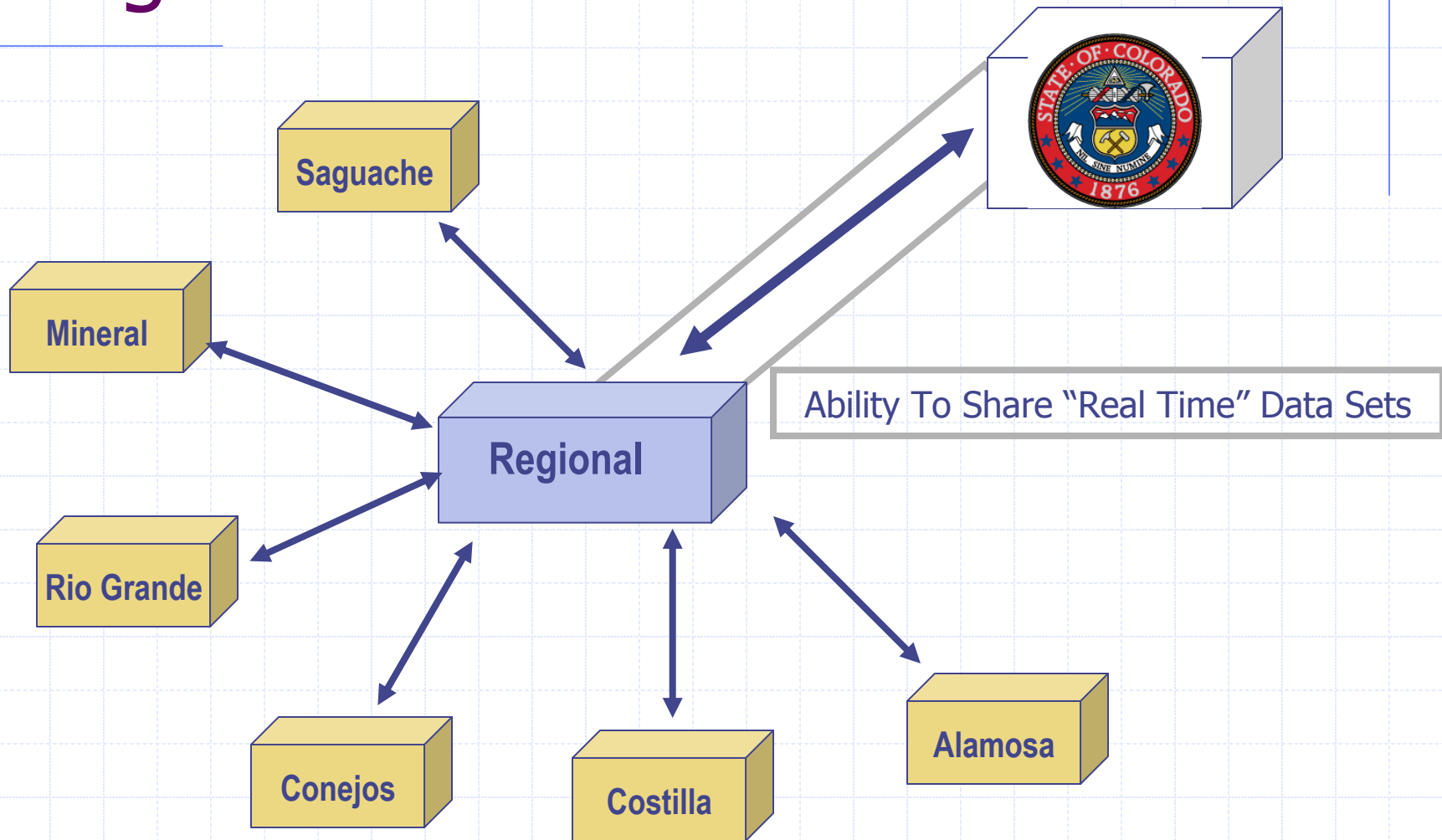
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Rural Healthcare

Tech Ready Communities

- ◆ Template Project – The purpose is to create a statewide initiative from a local project, that demonstrates how rural communities can take advantage of broadband access by connecting programs that have been implemented & successful in the San Luis Valley as early as 1994.
- ◆ LEAD AGENCY
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Integrated Communications



Community Uses For Broadband Infrastructure

- ◆ Community-wide coordinated information system.
- ◆ “Real-Time” data sets shared between key public entities.
- ◆ Hospital, schools, county agencies.
- ◆ Resulting in a cohesive network of “real-time” information.
- ◆ Streamlines & promotes efficient/comprehensive healthcare & billing operations.
- ◆ Critical for emergency preparedness & homeland defense.

Technology + Healthcare = Benefits

◆ Improved Patient Care

- Telemedicine Resources – education & application
- Efficient Information Delivery
- Access To Critical Information – community-wide

Benefits

◆ Efficient Fiscal Operations

- Critical Access Hospitals – billing drives everything
- Very sophisticated IT
- “Clean Claim” is the name of the game
- Shared Information is the key to achieving a “Clean Claim” the first time
- Continuum of Care

Technology & The "Clean Claim"

◆ Standard Revenue Breakdown For 12- 14 Bed Critical Access Hospital

Clean Claim

- MC – 40%
(Rio Grande Hospital runs at 60 – 70%)
- MD – 15% or more
- Commercial – 8%
- Self Pay – 30 – 40%

**Accurate code
reporting both
internally &
externally**

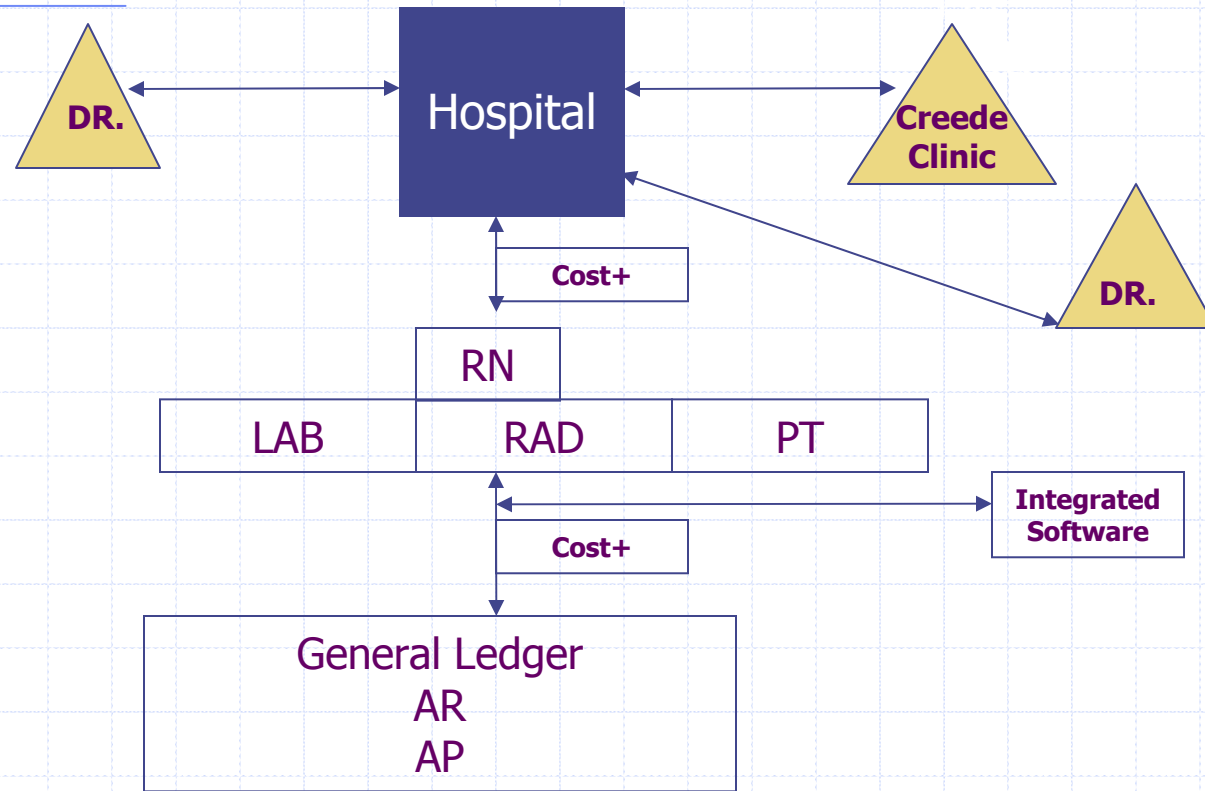
Technology & The Continuum of Care

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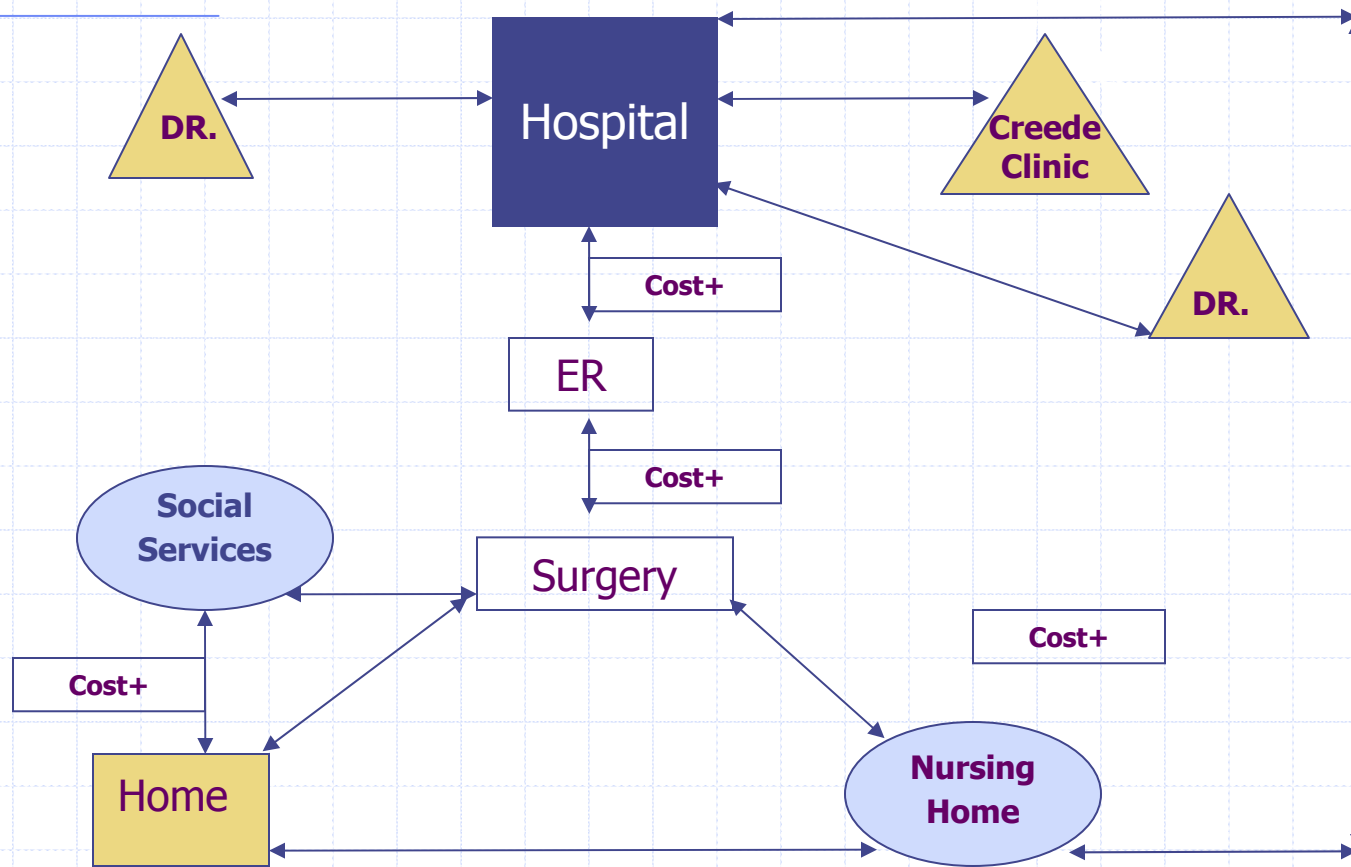
- Integration of DRG's & RUG's codes
- Reduced paperwork
- Access to community resources for overall healthcare strategy

Continuum of Care – A Critical Subset of Tech Ready Communities – Internal Communications



Sharing Real-Time Data Sets Specific To Healthcare

Continuum of Care – A Critical Subset of Tech Ready Communities – External Communications



Sharing Real-Time Data Sets Specific To Healthcare

Hospital – How We Can Help

- ◆ Assist with the development of internal & external communications plans including telecommunications & telemedicine programs.
- ◆ Write the grants & secure funding for selected plans.
- ◆ Work closely with staff as a resource to help implement selected plans.
- ◆ The process & communications plans selected become part of a statewide “how to” guide.

A Complete Package

“the belief that access to quality health care – a basic human need is a critical requisite for healthy, viable, and sustainable rural communities, and that telemedicine has an important role to play in individual and community vitality.”



Having All The Right Connections
Telecommunications and Rural Viability