

Rio Rico Medical & Fire District
Community Integrated Paramedicine Program Overview



Referral information for community healthcare providers
CIP services are offered countywide through partnership with
Tubac Fire District, Sonoita-Elgin Fire District & Nogales Fire Department

Program Telephone: **520.761.0104** | Program Fax: 520.281.7670
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If emergency assistance is required, please call 911 to have appropriate resources dispatched.
If a non-emergent referral is needed, please contact us directly via phone, fax, or email.
A phone call is always welcome to ensure we received your fax or to answer any questions.

Referrals are welcome from clinicians, hospital staff, primary care offices, and home health agencies using our referral form with patient signature.

Download our referral form here: <http://bit.do/CHIPP>

Our CIP services are provided to patients at *no cost* at this time. Our services are designed to link patients to healthcare and other community resources to prevent unnecessary 911, ED, and inpatient use through in-home support.

Our Community Integrated Paramedics and EMTs visit patients in-home to:

- obtain and track vital signs: including blood sugar, weight, ECG, SpO₂
- support managing medications (in partnership with the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center)
- provide chronic disease education
- assess homes for fall and environmental hazards
- provide referrals to useful community resources (health system navigation, wellness, social services, nutrition support, home repair)

The CIP program is designed to fill gaps in medical care while supporting patient care plan consistency.

Other ways we can help:

- pick up a patient's medication from the pharmacy to prevent non-adherence
- visit a patient after hospital/ED discharge to support home care instructions
- visit a patient in-home prior to home health referral, or between primary care visits
- visit a patient in-home after other in-home services have been discontinued
- provide in-home support for patients without access to other in-home services

We work under Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS Title 36, Chapter 21.1) in accordance with paramedic/EMT certification and base-hospital medical direction requirements to ensure optimal patient care is delivered and emergency medical transportation occurs when necessary.

Please call or email with any questions about how we can help.

Sincerely,
The Rio Rico Medical & Fire District
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