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Sunrise Community Health (Sunrise) is proud to announce that three of its clinics have received Level III recognition as Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMH) by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health-care quality. PCMH recognition is a growing movement among primary care practices nationwide. The popular team based model strengthens the partnership between patients and providers. NCQA recognition is valid for three years at which time practices reapply for recognition. Level III is the highest PCMH recognition that NCQA offers.

Sunrise's Monfort Family Clinic in Evans, Monfort Children's Clinic in Greeley, and Loveland Community Health Center in Loveland are officially designated as Level III PCMHs. To achieve this, the clinics meet key program components including written standards for patient access; continuity of care; referral and lab result tracking; use of patient self management support systems; appropriate use of charting tools to track patients and organize clinical information; and a robust ongoing quality improvement program. These components improve health outcomes and lower costs through reduced hospital admissions and emergency department visits.

Sunrise began in 1973 as a migrant health clinic in Gill. Today, Sunrise supports the health of over 30,000 individuals and families in Weld and Larimer Counties by providing comprehensive, affordable, quality health care from 9 clinics. Not all Sunrise clinics are eligible for PCMH designation as several are focused on particular services such as dental or prenatal care. Regardless of eligibility for NCQA recognition, all Sunrise clinics deploy the PCMH best practices, building upon our team-based and comprehensive model of care.

Sunrise is a recognized leader in safety net services, health information technology, community collaborations, and professional health education. *"NCQA Level III designation is a capstone in Sunrise's long standing commitment to quality patient care. We are very proud of Sunrise and the efforts in place to achieve such recognition,"* said Dr. Mark Wallace, Chair of the Sunrise Community Health Board of Directors.