



Cibolo Health CEO Nathan White Named to the 2026 TIME100 Health List of the World's Most Influential Leaders in Health

Recognition highlights leadership in advancing scalable, value-based care solutions for rural communities across the U.S.

[Bethlehem, PA] — February 11, 2026 – [Cibolo Health](#), a leader in rural healthcare transformation, today announced that CEO Nathan White has been named to the [2026 TIME100 Health list](#), an annual recognition of the world's most influential leaders shaping the future of healthcare. According to TIME, White was recognized for his innovative approach to preserving rural hospital independence through High Value Networks, which enable small hospitals to collaborate, share resources, and negotiate better contracts with payers.

This honor comes at a critical moment for rural healthcare, as hospitals across the country face mounting financial pressure, workforce shortages, and challenges transitioning to value-based care. Under White's leadership, Cibolo Health has developed scalable infrastructure that enables independent hospitals to remain locally governed while benefiting from shared resources, population health capabilities, and improved payer contracting.

"This recognition reflects the determination of rural hospitals and communities to reimagine how care is delivered and sustained," said Nathan White, CEO of Cibolo Health. "Across the country, independent providers are proving that collaboration, shared infrastructure, and value-based models can improve outcomes while preserving local access to care. Our work is about ensuring rural healthcare doesn't just survive — it evolves in a way that strengthens communities for the long term."

Cibolo Health currently supports a network of more than 206 independent hospitals across 11 states, collectively serving approximately 9.7 million patients and representing more than \$20.3 billion in annual revenue. Through its High Value Networks, participating hospitals gain access to shared clinical infrastructure, centralized care coordination, and advanced population health strategies designed to improve outcomes while maintaining community-based governance.

Scaling Impact Across Rural America

Cibolo Health's High Value Networks are designed to help independent rural hospitals remain locally governed while benefiting from shared infrastructure, clinical capabilities, and population health resources. This model has delivered measurable results:

- A network member reduced avoidable readmissions from 16.5% to less than 5%, keeping patients healthier and closer to home.
- Another network saw over 536 fewer emergency department visits annually through proactive care management, saving \$1.13 million in costs while reducing strain on rural ED staff.

"Nathan's leadership has helped rural hospitals collaborate in ways that strengthen both care delivery and financial sustainability," said Jody Nelson, CEO, St. Luke's Medical Center and Board Chair of the Rough Rider High Value Network. "By building shared infrastructure while preserving local governance, Cibolo Health is helping ensure rural communities can continue accessing high-quality care close to home."

"Cibolo Health's High Value Networks have been instrumental in helping rural hospitals like ours remain independent while improving care quality and financial sustainability," said Tyler Toline, President and CEO at Franciscan Healthcare and Board Chair of the Nebraska High Value Network. "By collaborating with



other providers, we've been able to deliver better outcomes for our patients while ensuring that care stays local."

The organization has continued to expand rapidly, launching six fully operational High Value Networks over the past year, with three additional networks currently in development. Cibolo Health has also expanded its centralized care coordination infrastructure to support high-risk patient outreach and strengthened accountable care strategies that align clinical performance with value-based reimbursement models.

About Cibolo Health

Founded in 2022, Cibolo Health partners with independent rural hospitals to build scalable infrastructure that improves care coordination, strengthens financial sustainability, and advances value-based healthcare delivery. Through its High Value Networks, Cibolo empowers rural providers to deliver high-quality, locally governed care while improving access and outcomes for communities nationwide. For more information, visit cibolohealth.com.

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