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Occupational therapist Robert Killorin, who treats patients at Chase County Community Hospital and Imperial Manor three days a week, has qualified for his fourth National Senior (or Senior Olympic) Games, to be held in Cleveland next summer.

To win a place at the nationals, a runner must place in the top four in a state's events. Killorin was champion in the 1500 meters and second in the 800 meters in the Rocky Mountain Senior Games in Colorado in June in the 55-59 age group.

He then traveled to Lake Hollingsworth, Fla., and won the 5K with a time of 19.32 in the 55-59 age group.

Therefore, he has the opportunity to compete in the 1500 and 800 meters and the 5K at the senior olympics, but his main focus is on the 5K.

Killorin participted in the National Senior Games in Louisville, Ky., in 2007, in Palo Alto, Calif., in 2009, and in Houston, Texas, in 2011. He placed fourth in the nation in the 5K in Houston.

He represented the Rocky Mountain Region.

The games are held every other year. The qualifying runs are held in the alternate years.

Killorin began running over 30 years ago, and has been competing in Senior Olympics since he turned 50. He is now 57.

He enjoys running charity 5Ks with his daughter, Rachel, 22. She is completing her college education with a view to becoming an occupational therapist like her father.