What is a CCBHC?

CCBHC is a federally defined type of behavioral health clinic, with defined quality standards and reimbursement that reflects the actual cost of care, as set forth by the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (H.R. 4302). Passed by Congress in March of 2014, this legislation:

- Creates criteria for “Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics” (CCBHCs) as entities designed to serve individuals with serious mental illnesses and substance use disorders. These entities provide intensive, person-centered, multidisciplinary, evidence-based screening, assessment, diagnostics, treatment, prevention, and wellness services. This includes 24/7 crisis response and peer support services.
- Provides $25,000,000 available to states as planning grants to develop applications to participate in a 2-year demonstration pilot. The Department of Health and Human Services released state planning grant applications in 2015.
- Allows states to test the ability to drive down overall costs of care through models that foster successful recovery and decreased reliance on institutional care.

Are CCBHC Planning Grants Available in My State?

On October 19, 2015, SAMHSA confirmed that the following states have received one year planning grants:

- Alaska • California • Colorado • Connecticut • Kentucky • Illinois • Indiana • Iowa • Maryland • Massachusetts • Michigan • Minnesota • Missouri • Nevada • New Jersey • New Mexico • New York • North Carolina • Oklahoma • Oregon • Pennsylvania • Rhode Island • Texas • Virginia

Only states selected for planning grants are be eligible to apply for pilot program funding.

- Planning grant funds can be used to support states as they determine how CCBHCs best fit within current system redesign efforts. States can leverage this opportunity to plan and implement other delivery and payment reform efforts.
- The demonstration program includes provisions that will provide CCBHCs with the financial footing to deliver these required services. Participating states must develop a Prospective Payment System (PPS) to reimburse CCBHCs for required services provided.

What is Required of a CCBHC?

CCBHC Required Services for behavioral health organizations:

- Crisis mental health services, including 24-hour mobile crisis teams, emergency crisis intervention services, and crisis stabilization
- Screening, assessment, and diagnosis, including risk management
- Patient-centered treatment planning
- Outpatient mental health and substance use services
- Primary care screening and monitoring
- Targeted case management
- Psychiatric rehabilitation services
- Peer support and counselor serves and family supports
- Services for members of the armed forces and veterans
- Connections with other providers and systems
I’m interested! Where can I go for more information?

Great opportunities await CCBHCs. For more information on accreditation or to request a crosswalk of the CCBHC requirements to Joint Commission behavioral health accreditation and behavioral health home certification, contact us at BHC@JointCommission.org or 630-792-5771.

Visit us online at jointcommission.org/BHCS for more information.

For more background on CCBHCs, visit:
- SAMHSA CCBHC page:
  http://www.samhsa.gov/section-223
- National Council Fact Sheet on CCBHCs:
- National Council CCBHC Feasibility and Readiness Assessment Tool:

Must CCBHCs be Accredited?

An organization does not need to be accredited for participation in the CCBHC. However, the SAMHSA CCBHC guidelines encourage states to require accreditation of the CCBHCs by an appropriate nationally-recognized organization (e.g., the Joint Commission, CARF or COA). Many of the CCBHC requirements align with Joint Commission behavioral health accreditation and Behavioral Health Home certification requirements.

Achieving **Joint Commission behavioral health accreditation** may help organizations lay a foundation for becoming a CCBHC by providing standards-based best practices and guidance to assist with:

- Trauma-informed recovery models
- Cultural competency
- Integration of peer support services
- Non-4-walls-system design including tele-psych services
- Quality improvement and reporting
- Leadership/Governance issues including change management and decision making
- Oversight of systems of care

Achieving **Behavioral Health Home certification** on top of Joint Commission behavioral health accreditation will provide additional insight into:

- Primary Care medical services
- Intensive Care coordination
- Expanded scope of services

Joint Commission accreditation will also help CCBHCs establish an even more effective community partnership capacity, by giving them access to a network of over 21,000 Joint-Commission-Accredited health care organizations in the U.S.

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**Joint Commission Accreditation:**
Your Foundation on which to build a CCBHC

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