

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)

Overview

A Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) is a provider who has met the The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) requirements for eligible providers and the criteria to provide all required services. A CCBHC must provide service to any individual who presents in their clinic, regardless of ability to pay or insurance.

Required services of a CCBHC

Clinics must provide four areas of service themselves, and five others may be provided by either the CCBHC or a Designated Collaborating Organization (DCO).

Required to be performed by the CCBHC:

- Screening, assessment, Diagnosis
- Patient-centered treatment planning
- Outpatient mental health/substance use disorder treatment
- Crisis services (24-Hour mobile crisis, crisis stabilization)*

May be performed by the CCBHC or a DCO:

- Peer support
- Psychiatric rehab
- Targeted case management
- Primary health screening & monitoring
- Armed Forces and veteran's services

*After-hours crisis services may be provided by a state-sanctioned system.

Grant eligibility

Providers are eligible for planning grants if they are currently a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) or eligible to become a CCBHC within four months of an award. The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

has posted versions of this grant multiple times over the last five years. Awards have ranged from \$2-4 million over two years.

Certification

A CCBHC certification is completed by SAMHSA. To be an eligible entity, agencies must be: “a nonprofit organization; part of a local government behavioral health authority; an entity operated under authority of the IHS, an Indian Tribe, or tribal organization [sic] [working] with the IHS pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination Act; an entity that is an urban Indian organization [sic] [working] with the IHS under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.” [1] For more information regarding the criteria and how to seek certification, please look at resource two.

Authorizing legislation

This legislation was authorized under H.R. 4302 (2013-2014) as part of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) (PL 113-93). This legislation allows individual providers to apply for CCBHC grants, or for states to apply for grants under Section 223 and then distribute the grant funding themselves. This legislation was further bolstered by the recent passage of the Safer Communities Act (2022) which allowed for additional demonstration state grants and a new round of funding for providers. Washington State has not been selected to be a CCBHC demonstration state at this time.

Existing CCBHCs in Washington

There have been 21 awardees of CCBHC grants from 2020-2022: 6 in 2020, 3 in 2021, and 12 in 2022 (3 of which were extension grants). Information about the specific awardees can be requested from the point of contact.

Resources

- SAMHSA CCBHC Eligibility (2020)
<https://www.samhsa.gov/section-223/certification-resource-guides/ccbhc-eligibility>
- SAMHSA Certification Guide and Resources to become a CCBHC (2020)
<https://www.samhsa.gov/section-223/certification-resource-guides>

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¹<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ffa/rda/research-reports/drug-court-participants-recidivism-and-key-outcome-measures>