

## Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)

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### Definition

A Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) is a health care provider who has met the 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 9 total areas of service, with a minimum of 51% provided by the CCBHC, and the remainder either by the CCBHC or a Designated Collaborating Organization (DCO).

### CCBHC required services

- Screening, assessment, diagnosis
- Patient-centered treatment planning
- Outpatient mental health/substance use disorder treatment
- Crisis services (24-Hour mobile crisis, crisis stabilization) \*
- Peer support
- Psychiatric rehab
- Targeted case management
- Primary health screening and monitoring
- Armed forces and veteran's services

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

### CCBHC grants eligibility

Providers are eligible for planning grants if they are currently a CCBHC or eligible to become a CCBHC within 4 months of an award. Health and Human Services has posted versions of this grant multiple times over the last 5 years. Awards have ranged from \$2 to 4 million over 2 years.

State governments are eligible to apply for planning grants of up to \$1,000,000 to support development of a demonstration of CCBHC. States are then eligible to apply for a demonstration grant

which would allow for enhanced federal match dollars for up to four years, supporting the roll out of CCBHC within a state.

### Certification

Certification is dependent upon state implementation. Washington State is in the process of developing its own certification process to participate in a federal demonstration of the program. To be an eligible entity [1], agencies must be: “a nonprofit organization; part of a local government behavioral health authority; an entity operated under authority of the Indian Health Service (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.” For more information regarding the criteria and how to seek certification, please look at the resources.

### 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 was further bolstered by the passage of the Safer Communities Act (2022) which allowed for additional state demonstration grants and a new round of funding for providers. The Health Care Authority has applied for a Planning Grant to become a CCBHC state. Regardless of award status, 2023's Proviso 71 authorizes and directs HCA to progress towards CCBHC demonstration by 2027.

### Existing CCBHCs in Washington

There have been 25 awardees of CCBHC grants from 2020-2023: 6 in 2020, 3 in 2021, 12 in 2022 (3 of which were extension grants) and 4 in 2023 (2 of which were extension grants). Information about the specific awardees can be requested from the points of contact below.

### Resources

- [SAMHSA CCBHC Eligibility \(2020\)](#)
- [SAMHSA Certification Guide and Resources to become a CCBHC \(2020\)](#)

## Additional information

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics  
webpage

## Points of contact:

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