

## Certified community behavioral health clinic

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### Overview

A certified community behavioral health clinic (CCBHC) is a provider that has met the requirements put for by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) for provider eligibility and the required services criteria.

A CCBHC must provide service to any individual who presents in that clinic, regardless of the individual's ability to provide insurance or payment.

### Program

Clinics must provide four areas of service, with five other areas of service that may be provided by either that CCBHC or a designated collaborating organization (DCO).

#### Required CCBHC areas of service:

- Screening, assessment, diagnosis
- Patient-centered treatment planning
- Outpatient mental health and/or 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 and monitoring
- Armed forces and veterans' 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 U.S.

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<sup>1</sup> SAMSHA CCBHC Eligibility (2020) <https://www.samhsa.gov/section-223/certification-resource-guides/ccbhc-eligibility>

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 to \$4 million over two years.

### Certification

A CCBHC certification is completed by SAMSHA. 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 [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.”<sup>1</sup>

*For more information regarding the criteria and how to seek certification, refer to resource<sup>2</sup>.*

### Authority

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.

As a result of 2023's Proviso 71, the Washington Health Care Authority (HCA) has been authorized to utilize up to \$1 million in FY2023 to build out a demonstration plan so that the state can move towards adoption of this care model.

### Existing CCBHCs in Washington

There have been 25 awardees of CCBHC grants from 2020-2023.

- 2020: 6
- 2021: 3

<sup>2</sup> SAMSHA Certification Guide and Resources to become a CCBHC (2020) <https://www.samhsa.gov/section-223/certification-resource-guides>

- 2022: 12 (three of which were extension grants)
- 2023: 4 (two of which were extension grants)

Information about the specific awardees can be requested from the point of contact.

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