

# CCBHC Criteria On-Demand Lessons: Organizational Authority, Governance and Accreditation

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# What is a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)?

CCBHC is a model of care that aims to improve service quality and accessibility. CCBHCs are required to serve anyone who requests care for mental health or substance use, regardless of their ability to pay, place of residence or age – including developmentally appropriate care for children and youth. CCBHCs do the following:



Provide integrated, evidence-based, trauma-informed, recovery-oriented and person- and family-centered care.



Offer the full array of CCBHC-required mental health, substance use and primary care screening services.



Coordinate care with other behavioral health, physical health, and social services systems in the community.

*The primary goal of the CCBHC program is to increase access to mental health and substance use care for underserved communities.*

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# CCBHC Criteria Program Requirements

1: Staffing

2: Availability and Accessibility of Services

3: Care Coordination

4: Scope of Services

5: Quality and Other Reporting

6: Organizational Authority, Governance and Accreditation

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# Organizational Authority, Governance and Accreditation (6.A): General Requirements

- The CCBHC maintains documentation establishing the CCBHC conforms to at least one of the following statutorily established criteria:
  - Is a nonprofit organization, exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.
  - Is part of a local government behavioral health authority.
  - Is operated under the authority of the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe or tribal organization pursuant to a contract, grant, cooperative agreement or compact with the Indian Health Service pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination Act (PL-638).
  - Is an urban Indian organization pursuant to a grant or contract with the Indian Health Service under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

# Organizational Authority, Governance and Accreditation (6.A): General Requirements

- To the extent CCBHCs are not operated under the authority of the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe, or tribal or urban Indian organization, CCBHCs shall reach out to such entities within their geographic service area and enter into arrangements with those entities to assist in the provision of services to tribal members and to inform the provision of services to tribal members.
- An independent financial audit is performed annually for the duration that the clinic is designated as a CCBHC in accordance with federal audit requirements, and, where indicated, a corrective action plan is submitted addressing all findings, questioned costs, reportable conditions and material weaknesses cited in the audit report.

# Organizational Authority, Governance and Accreditation (6.B): Governance

- CCBHC governance must be informed by representatives of the individuals being served by the CCBHC in terms of demographic factors such as geographic area, race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, disability, age, sexual orientation and in terms of health and behavioral health needs.
- Meaningful participation means involving a substantial number of people with lived experience and family members of people receiving services or individuals with lived experience in developing initiatives; identifying community needs, goals and objectives; providing input on service development and continuous quality improvement processes; and budget development and fiscal decision-making.





# Organizational Authority, Governance and Accreditation (6.B): Governance

- CCBHCs reflect substantial participation by one of two options:
  - **Option 1:** At least 51% of the CCBHC governing board is comprised of individuals with lived experience of mental health and/or substance use disorders and families.
  - **Option 2:** Other means are established to demonstrate meaningful participation in board governance involving people with lived experience (such as creating an advisory committee that reports to the board).



# Organizational Authority, Governance and Accreditation (6.B): Governance

If option 2 is chosen:

- Individuals with lived experience of mental health and/or substance use disorders and family members of people receiving services must have representation in governance that assures input into:
  - Identifying community needs and goals and objectives of the CCBHC.
  - Service development, quality improvement and the activities of the CCBHC.
  - Fiscal and budgetary decisions.
  - Governance (human resource planning, leadership recruitment and selection, etc.).
- Under option 2, the governing board must establish protocols for incorporating input from individuals with lived experience and family members.
- Either the certifying state or federal grant funding agency will determine if this approach is acceptable, and, if not, require additional mechanisms that are acceptable.



# Organizational Authority, Governance and Accreditation (6.B): Governance

- If the CCBHC comprises a governmental or tribal organization, subsidiary or part of a larger corporate organization that cannot meet these requirements for board membership, the CCBHC will:
  - Specify the reasons why it cannot meet these requirements.
  - Have or develop an advisory structure and describe other methods for individuals with lived experience and families to provide meaningful participation.
- Members of the governing or advisory boards will be representative of the communities in which the CCBHC's service area is located and will be selected for their expertise in health services, community affairs, local government, finance and accounting, legal affairs, trade unions, faith communities, commercial and industrial concerns, or social service agencies within the communities served. No more than one half (50%) of the governing board members may derive more than 10% of their annual income from the health care industry.



# Organizational Authority, Governance and Accreditation (6.C): Accreditation

- The CCBHC is enrolled as a Medicaid provider and licensed, certified or accredited provider of both mental health and substance use disorder services including developmentally appropriate services to children, youth and their families. The CCBHC will adhere to any applicable state accreditation, certification and/or licensing requirements. The CCBHC is required to participate in the SAMHSA Behavioral Health Treatment Locator.
- CCBHCs must be certified by their state as a CCBHC or have submitted an attestation to SAMHSA as a part of participation in the SAMHSA CCBHC Expansion grant program.
  - Clinics that have submitted an attestation to SAMHSA as a part of participation in the SAMHSA CCBHC Expansion grant program are designated as CCBHCs only during the period for which they are authorized to receive federal funding to provide CCBHC services.



# Organizational Authority, Governance and Accreditation (6.C): Accreditation

- States are encouraged to require accreditation of the CCBHCs by an appropriate independent accrediting body (e.g., the Joint Commission, Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities [CARF], Council on Accreditation [COA], Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care [AAAHC]). Accreditation does not mean “deemed” status.



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