

Date: April 25, 2016

Re: Application for Oregon CCBHC Program

Congress passed the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (H.R. 4302) in March 2014. This legislation includes provisions of the Excellence in Mental Health Act — an eight-state demonstration program and the single largest investment in community behavioral health in more than 50 years. This legislation aims to improve quality and access to behavioral health services through the creation of federal criteria for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) as entities to serve adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance, and those with long term and serious substance use disorders, as well as others with mental illness and substance use disorders. Twenty-five million dollars in planning grants was made available to states to develop applications to participate in a 2-year CCBHC demonstration program. Only states awarded a planning grant are eligible to apply for the demonstration program grant.

Oregon applied for, and was awarded, a planning grant, as the demonstration program aligns with the state's broader health care transformation efforts, enabling Oregon to further advance behavioral health care for Oregonians. The state must meet planning grant deliverables, such as CCBHC site certification, in order to submit a demonstration grant application. Oregon has agreed to certify up to 30 highly qualified CCBHCs throughout the certification process.

The temporary Oregon Administrative Rule allowing for the CCBHC application and certification process was filed April 22, 2016. The CCBHC online application is the first step in beginning the CCBHC certification process. All applicants who *complete* the online application will be contacted by the state regarding next steps in the CCBHC certification process.

Depending on your organization's familiarity with the survey content, this online application may take between 1-3 hours to complete. The online application is available through Survey Monkey and will be available until 5 PM on May 25, 2016. The application period may be extended at the state's discretion. Certification and application materials are available on Oregon's CCBHC website. If you have any questions about the CCBHC Planning Grant, please contact OHA's grant team at ccbhc.grant@state.or.us

Oregon CCBHC Website:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/bhp/Pages/Community-BH-Clinics.aspx>

Application for Oregon CCBHC Program (Survey Link):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OregonCCBHCApplication>