

CCBHC Primary Care Onsite Requirements
Oregon Health Authority
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There have been many questions and comments regarding the Oregon requirement that CCBHCs need to provide 20 hours/week of onsite primary care services. We have talked with many people and researched this this topic. Ultimately our goal is to advance the onsite integration of physical health into behavioral health care settings for adults. We also recognize the challenge of accomplishing this integration and that time is needed to accomplish it. The following outlines our conclusion regarding the requirement of onsite primary care services within a CCBHC.

- CCBHCs will be required to provide 20 hours/week of onsite primary care services.
- These are intended for the adult population. Therefore, child serving sites will not be required to provide onsite primary care.
- The 20 hours/week is required at each site.
- Rural communities can work with OHA to identify alternative methods and processes to achieve onsite primary care services.
- CCBHCs will have the first year of the demonstration to build this capacity so that this requirement is met by the start of the second year.
- CCBHCs do not need to directly provide the primary care services. For example, a CCBHC may contract with a provider or have a MOU for a provider to deliver primary care on the site of the BHC.

While there are other models of care coordination that integrate physical and behavioral healthcare, the behavioral health home model with onsite primary care is in line with legislative direction and Oregon's planning grant application. One of the main reasons that Oregon applied for this grant was to advance the development of behavioral health homes. This was clearly stated in our application. In addition, the 2015 Legislature passed SB 832 that directs OHA to develop behavioral health home standards and provisions to encourage the use of behavioral health homes.

OHA will seek out technical assistance resources for CCBHCs to implement this requirement.

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