

CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

CRITERIA TO BE A CAH					
Self-Assessment Questions	YES	NO	N/A	Date/Initials	Comments
RURAL HEALTH NETWORK					
<p>A health network is an organization that meetings the following specifications:</p> <p>a. it includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at least one hospital that the state has designated or plans to designate as a CAH <input type="checkbox"/> - at least one hospital that furnishes acute care services <input type="checkbox"/> <p>b. members of the organization have entered into agreements regarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - patient referral and transfer <input type="checkbox"/> - the development and use of communications systems, including, where feasible, telemetry systems and systems for electronic sharing of patient data <input type="checkbox"/> - provision of emergency and non-emergency transportation among members <input type="checkbox"/> <p>c. each CAH has an agreement with respect to credentialing and quality assurance with at least</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - one hospital that is a member of the network with applicable <input type="checkbox"/> - one QIO or equivalent entity <input type="checkbox"/> - one other appropriate and qualified entity identified in the state rural health plan <input type="checkbox"/> <p>C-0802 §485.603</p>					
<p>Staff that furnish services in a CAH must been the following requirements:</p> <p>a. clinical nurse specialist who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is a registered nurse and is licensed to practice nursing in the state in which the clinical nurse specialist services are performed in accordance with state nurse licensing laws and regulations; and <input type="checkbox"/> - holds a master's or doctoral level degree in a defined clinical area of nursing from an accredited educational institution. <input type="checkbox"/> <p>b. nurse practitioner – a nurse practitioner must be a registered professional nurse who is currently licensed to practice in the state, who meets the stat’s requirements governing the qualification of nurse practitioners and who meets one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is currently certified as a primary care <input type="checkbox"/> 					

