

# CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

STAFFING AND STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES					
Self-Assessment Questions	YES	NO	N/A	Date/Initials	Comments
The CAH has a professional health care staff that includes one or more doctors of medicine or osteopathy, and may include one or more physician assistants, nurse practitioners, or clinical nurse specialists? C-0971 §485.631(a)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are ancillary personnel supervised by the professional staff? C-0972 §485.631(a)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is the staff sufficient to provide the services essential to the operation of the CAH? C-0974 §485.631(a)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant available to furnish patient care services at all times the CAH operates? C-0976 §485.631(a)(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is a registered nurse, clinical nurse specialist, or licensed practical nurse on duty whenever the CAH has one or more inpatients? C-0978 §485.631(a)(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Does CAH have a MD/DO on its staff who provides medical direction, consultation and supervision of all health care activities and staff?? C-0981 485.631(b)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Does the CAHs MD/DO participate in the development of policies governing CAH services? C-0982 §485.631(b)(1)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Does the CAH ensure that an MD/DO periodically reviews these policies? C-0982 §485.631(b)(1)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Does the CAH MD/DO periodically review medical records, provide medical orders and provide medical care to CAH patients? C984 §485.631(b)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Does the doctor of medicine or osteopathy periodically review and sign the records of all inpatients and outpatients cared for by nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, or physician assistants? C-0986 §485.631(b)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Does the CAH have policies and procedures that address the minimum amount of time and frequency of MD/DO presence on-site at the CAH? C-0988 §485.631(b)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is MD/DO on-site for the frequency and duration specified in the CAHs policies? C-0988 §485.631(b)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is a MD/DO always available by telecommunications for consultation, assistance and/or patient referral? C-0988 §485.631(b)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Do physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical specialist participate in the development, execution and periodic review of the written policies governing the services the CAH provides? C-0991 §485.631(c)(1)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Does CAH ensure that mid-level practitioners at the CAH participate with an MD/DO in the review of their patients' health records? C-0993 §485.631(c)(1)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Does physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist provide services in accordance with the CAHs policies? C-0995 §485.631(c)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are there policies and procedures in place for transferring patients to other facilities? C-0997 §485.631(c)(2)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are patients admitted only by those practitioners who are currently licensed and have been granted admitting privileges by the governing body (or responsible individual) in accordance with state laws and medical staff bylaws? C-0998 §485.631(c)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is the MD/DO responsible for and is monitoring the care of each Medicare or Medicaid patient for all medical problems during the hospitalization? C-0998 §485.631(c)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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If mid-level practitioners admit patients, is every Medicare/Medicaid patient being monitored by an MD/DO who is responsible for any medical problem outside the scope of practice of the admitting practitioners? C-0998 §485.631(c)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If mid-level practitioners admit patients, is the MD/DO notified of every patient admission, in time frame described in CAH policies and procedures? C-0998 §485.631(c)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is the quality and appropriateness of the diagnosis and treatment furnished by nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialist, and physician assistants at the CAH evaluated by a member of the CAH staff who is a doctor of medicine or osteopathy or by another doctor of medicine or osteopathy under contract with the CAH? C-0999 §485.631(d)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is the quality and appropriateness of the diagnosis and treatment furnished by doctors of medicine or osteopathy at the CAH evaluated by: a. one hospital that is a member of the network, when applicable? b. one QIO or equivalent entity? c. one other appropriate and qualified entity identified in the state rural health care plan? d. In the case of distant-site physicians and practitioners providing telemedicine services to the CAH's patient under an agreement between the CAH and a distant-site hospital, the distant-site hospital e. in the case of distant-site physicians and practitioners providing telemedicine services to the CAH's patients under a written agreement between the CAH and a distant-site telemedicine entity, one of the entities listed in paragraphs (d)(2)(i) through (iii) of this section. C-0999 §485.631(d)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		

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### Helpful Hints

### Key Resources and Links

- [Appendix W](#), §485.631
- [Critical Access Hospital Basic Training](#)
- [CMS CAH page \(includes crosswalk\)](#)