

CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

Basis and Scope for CAH Designation and Rural Health Network					
Self-Assessment Questions	YES	NO	N/A	Date/Initials	Comments
This subpart is based on section 1820 of the Act which sets forth the conditions for designating certain hospitals as CAHs. This subpart sets forth the conditions that a hospital must meet to be designated as a CAH? C800 § 42 CFR 485.601	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is the CAH a member of a rural health network which is an organization defined as one that includes at least one hospital that the State has designated or plans to designated as a CAH; and at least one hospital that furnishes acute care services. C802 § 42 CFR 485.603(a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Has the CAH and other members of the network entered into agreements regarding: a. Patient referral and transfer b. Development and use of communications systems, including, where feasible, telemetry systems and systems for electronic sharing of patient data c. The provision of emergency and nonemergency transportation among members C802 § 42 CFR 485.603(b)	<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"/>		
Does the CAH have an agreement with respect to credentialing and quality assurance with at least one of the following: a. one hospital that is a member of the network? b. one QIO or equivalent entity OR? c. one other appropriate and qualified entity identified in the Missouri State rural health care plan? C802 § 42 CFR 485.603(c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Key Resources and Links

- [CMS Conditions of Participation and Interpretative Guidelines](#)
- [CMS CAH Page \(including crosswalk\)](#)
- [CMS CAH Basic Training](#)