# Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Medicare Certification Consulting

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## What to have ready

Each item ties to 42 CFR Part 485, Subpart J (current eCFR text, up to date as of September 30, 2026) or the CMS CMHC page (last modified December 30, 2024).

- A service description covering the partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient services the provider agreement is limited to (42 CFR 485.900(a)(3) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-G/part-485/subpart-J]).
- Client population data showing the CMHC provides at least 40 percent of its items and services to individuals who are not eligible for benefits under title XVIII of the Act (485.918(b)(1)(v)).
- An independent entity lined up to provide the 40 percent certification statement for the initial application (485.918(b)(1)(v)(A)-(B)).
- A written designation of the interdisciplinary treatment team (CMS [https://www.cms.gov/medicare/health-safety-standards/certification-compliance/community-mental-health-centers], section 485.916).
- An admission workflow that produces the active treatment plan "within 7 working days of admission" (485.916(b)).
- A review calendar that brings each active treatment plan back at least every 30 calendar days (485.916(d)).
- QAPI data and the program that uses it (section 485.917).
- An emergency preparedness program (section 485.920).
- Your CMS-855A enrollment package (CMS Transmittal 11574 [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r11574pi.pdf]).