(2) Has satisfactorily completed a program for preparing physician assistants that—
   (i) Was at least one academic year in length;
   (ii) Consisted of supervised clinical practice and at least 4 months (in the aggregate) of classroom instruction directed toward preparing students to deliver health care; and
   (iii) Was accredited by the American Medical Association’s Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation.

(3) Has satisfactorily completed a formal educational program (for preparing physician assistants) that does not meet the requirements of paragraph (c)(2) of this section and has been assisting primary care physicians for a total of 12 months during the 18-month period immediately preceding June 25, 1993.

§ 485.606 Designation and certification of CAHs.

(a) Criteria for State designation.

(1) A State that has established a Medicare rural hospital flexibility program described in section 1820(c) of the Act may designate one or more facilities as CAHs if each facility meets the CAH conditions of participation in this subpart.

(2) The State must not deny any hospital that is otherwise eligible for designation as a CAH under this paragraph (a) solely because the hospital has entered into an agreement under which the hospital may provide posthospital SNF care as described in § 482.66 of this chapter.

(b) Criteria for CMS certification.

CMS certifies a facility as a CAH if—

(1) The facility is designated as a CAH by the State under the rules in this subpart.


§ 485.608 Condition of participation: Compliance with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

The CAH and its staff are in compliance with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations.

(a) Standard: Compliance with Federal laws and regulations. The CAH is in compliance with applicable Federal laws and regulations related to the health and safety of patients.

(b) Standard: Compliance with State and local laws and regulations. All patient care services are furnished in accordance with applicable State and local laws and regulations.

(c) Standard: Licensure of CAH. The CAH is licensed in accordance with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations.

(d) Standard: Licensure, certification or registration of personnel. Staff of the CAH are licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.


§ 485.610 Condition of participation: Status and location.

(a) Standard: Status. The facility is—

(1) A currently participating hospital that meets all conditions of participation set forth in this subpart;

(2) A recently closed facility, provided that the facility—
   (i) Was a hospital that ceased operations on or after the date that is 10 years before November 29, 1999; and
   (ii) Meets the criteria for designation under this subpart as of the effective date of its designation;

(3) A health clinic or a health center (as defined by the State) that—
   (i) Is licensed by the State as a health clinic or a health center;
   (ii) Was a hospital that was downsized to a health clinic or a health center; and
   (iii) As of the effective date of its designation, meets the criteria for designation set forth in this subpart.