Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education; and
(3) Either—
   (i) Be eligible to take the certification examination for respiratory therapy technicians administered by the National Board for Respiratory Therapy, Inc.; or
   (ii) Have equivalent training and experience as determined by the National Board for Respiratory Therapy, Inc.

(i) A social worker must—
   (1) Be licensed by the State in which practicing, if applicable;
   (2) Hold at least a bachelor’s degree from a school accredited or approved by the Council on Social Work Education; and
   (3) Have 1 year of social work experience in a health care setting.

(m) A speech-language pathologist must meet the qualifications set forth in part 484 of this chapter.

§ 485.74 Appeal rights.

The appeal provisions set forth in part 498 of this chapter, for providers, are applicable to any entity that is participating or seeks to participate in the Medicare program as a CORF.

§ 485.603 Rural health network.

A rural health network is an organization that meets the following specifications:

(a) It includes—
   (1) At least one hospital that the State has designated or plans to designate as a CAH; and
   (2) At least one hospital that furnishes acute care services.

(b) The members of the organization have entered into agreements regarding—
   (1) Patient referral and transfer;
   (2) The development and use of communications systems, including, where feasible, telemetry systems and systems for electronic sharing of patient data; and
   (3) The provision of emergency and nonemergency transportation among members.

(c) Each CAH has an agreement with respect to credentialing and quality assurance with at least—
   (1) One hospital that is a member of the network when applicable;
   (2) One QIO or equivalent entity; or
   (3) One other appropriate and qualified entity identified in the State rural health care plan.

§ 485.604 Personnel qualifications.

Staff that furnish services in a CAH must meet the applicable requirements of this section.

(a) Clinical nurse specialist. A clinical nurse specialist must be a person who—
   (1) 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
   (2) Holds a master’s or doctoral level degree in a defined clinical area of nursing from an accredited educational institution.

(b) Nurse practitioner. A nurse practitioner must be a registered professional nurse who is currently licensed to practice in the State, who meets the State’s requirements governing the qualification of nurse practitioners, and who meets one of the following conditions:

\[48 \text{ FR } 56238, \text{ Dec. } 15, 1982, \text{ as amended at } 54 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 1989; 55 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 1990; 56 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 1991; 57 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 1992; 58 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 1993; 60 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 1995; 62 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 1997; 63 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 1998; 64 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 1999; 65 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 2000; 66 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 2001; 67 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 2002; 68 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 2003; 69 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 2004; 70 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 2005; 71 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 2006; 72 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 2007; 73 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 2008; 74 \text{ FR } 39034, \text{ Aug. } 16, 2009\]