

Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services Certified Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration Program Expansion

In 2023, CMS provided the following notification to states participating in the Section 223 CCBHC State Demonstration Program: “States participating in the Section 223 Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration Program are permitted as of February 21, 2023, to add new CCBHCs to their demonstration programs.”

On July 10, 2024, CMS issued additional guidance stating, “Effective July 15, 2024, in calendar year (CY) 2024 and going forward, states are allowed to add CCBHCs to the Demonstration at the beginning of any fiscal quarter during a state’s Demonstration Year (DY).” In response to this guidance, Kentucky is committed to the expansion of the CCBHC demonstration program beyond the current four providers.

In April 2025, the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) will begin preparing additional, identified providers for CCBHC certification and entry into the demonstration program, subject to DMS and CMS approval. This will consist of trainings, cost reporting, on-site reviews and rate setting. Kentucky anticipates completing CCBHC certification activities for these providers as early as January 2026. Entry into the demonstration will be determined by individual agency readiness and demonstrated ability to meet all CCBHC criteria. Identified providers must be recipients of SAMHSA CCBHC grant funding or have applied for SAMHSA CCBHC grant funding.

Providers identified for entry into the demonstration are as follows:

Communicare, Inc
Comprehend Inc
Cumberland River Behavioral Health, Inc
Four Rivers Behavioral Health
LifeSkills, Inc.
Mountain Comprehensive Care Center
RiverValley Behavioral Health
Pennyroyal
Ramey-Estep
Kentucky Rural Health Information Technology Network, Inc, dba Horizon Health

Additional expansion opportunities may be considered in 2026.

Providers may access all application documents, as well as additional resources, on the DMS Certified Behavioral Health Clinics website.

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/CCBHC.aspx>