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## What is an RHC?

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# What is an RHC?

It is a cost based reimbursed federal program for Medicare and Medicaid patients in a primary care office

Types of Practices included:

Family Practice/General Practice

Internal Medicine

OB/GYN

Pediatric



# Two Types of RHC's

Provider Based – Owned and operated by a hospital, skilled nursing home or home health agency

Free Standing (Independent) – Owned and operated by a physician, NP, PA, or CNW



# Basic Requirements

- Be located in a non-urbanized area
- Be located in a Medically Underserved area (MUA) or Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)
- Provide outpatient primary care services
- Use the services of a mid-level (PA, NP, or CNW) at least 50% of clinic hours



# Basic Requirements

The non-urbanized area and designated shortage areas must have been updated within the last four (4) years

# Why become an RHC?

- Higher Reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid
- Higher Reimbursement for Flu and Pneumonia Shots – (Medicare)
- No reduced payment for NP & PA services
- Payment of Medicare Bad Debt

# Conditions for Participation

- Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws
- Location of Clinic
- Physical Plant and Environment
- Organizational Structure
- Provision of Services
- Patient Health Records
- Program Evaluation



# Need to know

You must abide by all the rules and regulations cited.

The guidelines are everyday **EXPECTATIONS** for the clinic to operate.





# Is there follow up?

Periodic on-site survey (at least once every 6 years;)

Unannounced

Review of RHC Conditions of Participation

Deficiencies: None ? Standard? Condition?

Follow-up: Onsite or by mail

Plan of Correction: Deficiencies corrected



# When to notify the State

- Change of ownership
- Move to a new location
- Loss of NP or PA
- Staffing waiver request
- Change in Medical Director
- New NP or PA
- Termination of RHC
- New clinic to be certified



# Questions

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