

2019 Essential Community Provider Non-Exhaustive Listing

Overview

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has established a designation for health service providers called **Essential Community Provider (ECP)**. There are requirements for Qualified Health Plans to assure that a bare minimum of these key service providers are part of their networks.

CMS identifies Essential Community Providers (ECPs) as follows:

- Family planning providers receiving Federal funding under Title X of the PHS Act and not -for - profit or governmental family planning service sites that do not receive Federal funding under Title X of the PHS Act or other 340B -qualifying funding
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and FQHC look-a- likes
- Health centers providing dental services
- Hospitals: Critical Access Hospitals, Rural Referral Centers, Disproportionate Share (DSH), DSH- eligible Hospitals, Children's Hospitals, Sole Community Hospitals, Free -standing Cancer Centers
- Indian health care providers, which include providers participating in programs operated by 1) the Indian Health Service; 2) a Tribe or Tribal organization under the authority of the Indian Self - Determination and Education Assistance Act; and 3) an urban Indian organization under the authority of Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program providers • Other providers that serve predominantly low -income, medically underserved individuals, including Black Lung Clinics, Community Mental Health Centers, Hemophilia Treatment Centers , Rural Health Clinics , Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinics , Tuberculosis Clinics

Source: https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Programs-and-Initiatives/Health-Insurance-Marketplaces/Downloads/Description-and-Purpose-of-CMS-ECP-List-for-PY-2018_12-16-16.pdf

CMS uses its own internal lists to establish a preliminary 'non-exhaustive listing' of ECPs. States can establish additional categories for inclusion in the list.

An overview of State-defined categories can be found at:

<https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/definition-of-essential-community-providers-ecps-in-marketplaces/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colld%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>

Federal and State efforts do not necessarily assure that all ECPs in that category are listed, so at best this is a working list – ‘non-exhaustive’ as the Feds say. Individual providers are permitted to petition to be added to the next year’s listing if they feel they meet ECP definitions. The Federal list includes all approved listings.

How to Use the Attachment

Attached is an Excel spreadsheet which includes all the ECPs recognized by CMS for the 2019 Program Year. The listing provides a record for each ECP **site**. It includes details including location and staffing for each site as well as affiliated organizational information for each site. Filters are established on key data fields permitting users to separate out listing by state, site location and ECP type.

You can use the spreadsheet to view those ECPs in your state and identify any rural providers that might be omitted. Omitted providers can petition CMS to be added to the listing. The online ECP petition can be found at:

https://data.healthcare.gov/ccio/ecp_petition

To filter the list to display just the ECPs in your state:

- Click the small arrow in the column labeled “Site State”.
- On the drop down menu click the “Select All” box to turn off the national selection.
- Click on the box to the left of your state.
- Click OK.

To copy just the rows of your state’s ECPs to a clean spreadsheet:

- On the filtered spreadsheet click the “F5” key.
- On the drop down menu click “Special”.
- Click “Visible cells only”.
- Click OK.
- Select the rows you want to copy.
- Right click selection and choose “Copy”.
- Open new spreadsheet.
- Click “Paste” on top banner.

Data Record Description

There are descriptive data fields for each ECP site record describing both the provider site and any parent organization of which it is a part. This allows you to identify whether a provider site is a satellite of a larger network of providers.

The data fields for each site listing are detailed below:

PY 2019 Row Number

Provider Site Name
ECP Category
Site City
Site State
Site Zip Code
Site County
Site Street Address 1
Site Street Address 2
Number of Medical FTEs or Bed Count
Number of Dental FTEs

Organization Name

National Provider Identifier
Org Street Address 1
Org Street Address 2
Org City
Org State
Org Zip Code
Org County
POC 1 Name
POC 1 Title
"POC 1
Phone #"
"POC 1
Phone Ext"
POC 1 Email
URL 1
POC 2 Name
POC 2 Title
"POC 2
Phone #"
"POC 2
Phone Ext"
POC 2 Email
URL 2

Filters are created for the following columns to permit you to drill down in your review of the listing:

- Provider Site Name
- ECP Category
- Site City
- Site State
- Site Zip Code
- Site County.