New York State’s CCBHC Demonstration Timeline

On April 1st, 2014 Congress passed the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (H.R. 4302) which led to the creation of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). In October 2015, New York State was one of 23 states awarded a 1-year planning grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) & the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The state was able to use this grant to plan for what the CCBHC model would look like in New York State.

Under the planning grant, the state – through a triple partnership with NYS Department of Health (DOH), NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), and NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) - was expected to:

- Meet with clinics that were interested in becoming a CCBHC to make sure their services would be easy to access and available to anyone who wanted treatment
- Certify at least two clinics as CCBHCs based on SAMHSA’s standards
- Assist clinics to meet the state’s certification standards by giving them training and guidance
- Develop a Prospective Payment System (PPS) that would fit with the state’s overall Medicaid Redesign Initiative and Value Based Payment (VBP) roadmap
- Collect data needed for the national evaluation led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

To make sure the CCBHC program was starting with a strong foundation, New York decided to work with clinics who had a proven history of providing many different types of high-quality mental health & substance use disorder treatment services. Together OMH, OASAS and DOH created a set of standards - in addition to SAMHSA’s standards - that helped the state to choose clinics for the CCBHC Demonstration. These standards included:

- Having a mental health treatment license (Article 31), substance use disorder treatment license (Article 32), and an integrated outpatient services (IOS) license
- Having a history of providing many different types of mental health & substance use disorder treatment services
- Participation in one of New York’s health care reform efforts such as Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP), Health and Recovery Plan (HARP), Health Homes (HH), integrated licensing and other system change efforts
- Ability to meet the CCBHC standards created by SAMHSA including collecting and reporting data
- Providing services in an underserved area

In December 2016, NYS was one of 8 states chosen by SAMHSA to begin a 2-year Section 223 Demonstration Program - with the understanding that all the CCBHC clinics had to start their Demonstration Programs no later than July 1st 2017. Of the 29 mental health & substance
use disorder treatment providers who helped to create the CCBHC model, only 13 providers committed to be included on the state’s application. The 13 CCBHC Demonstration Program providers in NYS are:

- **Achieve Behavioral Health** *(a division of Bikur Cholim, Inc)* – located in Monsey NY
- **BestSelf Behavioral Health Services** – located in Buffalo NY
- **Central Nassau Guidance & Counseling Services** – located in Hicksville NY
- **Citizen Advocates, Inc – North Star Behavioral Health Services** – located in Malone NY
- **Endeavor Health Services** – located in Cheektowaga, NY
- **New Horizon Counseling Center** – located in Ozone Park, NY
- **The Puerto Rican Organization to Motivate, Enlighten, and Serve Addicts (PROMESA)** – located in Bronx, NY
- **Samaritan Daytop Village** – located in Bronx, NY
- **Services for the UnderServed (SUS)** – located in Brooklyn, NY
- **Spectrum Health & Human Services** – located in Orchard Park, NY
- **Helio Health** – located in Syracuse, NY
- **University of Rochester Medical Center Strong Memorial Hospital** – located in Rochester, NY
- **Vocational Instruction Project dba VIP Community Services** – located in Bronx, NY

The 2-year CCBHC Demonstration Program was scheduled to end on July 1st 2019, however, there have been several Federal extensions and the Demonstration Program is now through September 30, 2025.

In 2018 SAMHSA announced a new opportunity for providers in CCBHC planning grant states to apply directly to SAMHSA to become CCBHC Expansion Grant providers. New opportunities for Expansion Grant funding are announced annually. A list of providers who have CCBHC Expansion Grant awards can be found by searching SAMHSA’s [Grant Announcements](#) website. There are many CCBHC Expansion Grant providers in New York State and attest to providing services similar to the original CCBHC Demonstration Program providers. Unlike the original Demonstration Program providers who are supervised and report their data to NYS, the Expansion Grant providers are supervised and report their data directly to SAMHSA. NYS does not supervise the Expansion Grant providers; however, NYS maintains oversight of their licensed programs and provides guidance as requested.