



## Office of Mental Health

### New York State's CCBHC Demonstration Timeline

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 Congress passed the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) of 2014 (H.R. 4302) which led to the creation of the **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)**. In October 2015, New York State (NYS) 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).

Under the planning grant, NYS – through a partnership with Department of Health (DOH), Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), and 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).

In December 2016, [NYS was one of 8 states chosen](#) by SAMHSA to begin a 2-year [Section 223 Medicaid CCBHC Demonstration Program](#) with the understanding that all the CCBHC clinics would begin their Demonstration Programs no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Twenty-nine (29) mental health & substance use disorder treatment providers helped to create the CCBHC model, and 13 providers committed to being included in the Demonstration.

The 2-year CCBHC Demonstration Program was scheduled to end on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019; however, SAMHSA extended the federal Demonstration several times, now through September 2025. Guidance was issued effective February 21, 2023, enabling additional providers to be added to the CCBHC Demonstration program. NYS released two (2) Request for Proposals (RFPs), in September 2023 and March 2024, for two groups of 13 awardees each to be included in the NYS CCBHC Demonstration. NYS prioritized high needs counties and service areas underserved by current CCBHCs in these RFPs, with the goal of CCBHC coverage across the State. This will result in a total of 39 CCBHC Demonstration Providers serving New Yorkers by July 1, 2025.

A list of designated CCBHC Demonstration Providers can be found by using the [Find a Program \(ny.gov\)](#) advanced search, Program Type: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC).

Separate and apart from the CCBHC Demonstration Program, since 2018, SAMHSA has announced annual opportunities for providers in CCBHC planning grant states to apply directly to SAMHSA to become CCBHC Expansion Grant providers. A list of providers who have CCBHC Expansion Grant awards can be found by searching SAMHSA's [Grants Dashboard](#). CCBHC Expansion Grant providers attest to providing services similar to the original CCBHC Demonstration Program providers. NYS does not directly oversee the CCBHC-like services provided by Expansion Grantees, however, NYS maintains oversight of their licensed programs and provides guidance as requested.