

CMHC

Continued Efforts over the Past Years

Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC)

As a result of the regulations at 42 CFR Part 485, Subpart J (Conditions of Participation: CMHCs), SAs assumed the survey and oversight of CMHCs effective October 29, 2014. Previously, all survey activity for CMHCs was conducted by the CMS Regional Offices. The survey interval for the CMHCs, utilizing these new regulations, will be every five (5) years and fall into a Tier 3 workload. CMS provides national training annually for the survey of the CMHCs. The initial surveys of the CMHCs under the regulations will be implemented over a 4-5 year period, beginning after the effective date above, as a Tier 3 workload. Targeted surveys may be assigned to achieve faster application of the CoPs, (faster than 20% of the CMHCs completed each year) but we will provide a 3-6 month advance notice in such a case.

For additional guidance, please see <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/CertificationandCompliance/CommunityHealthCenters.html>.