

# Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics: Preliminary Readiness Assessment Informational Webinar

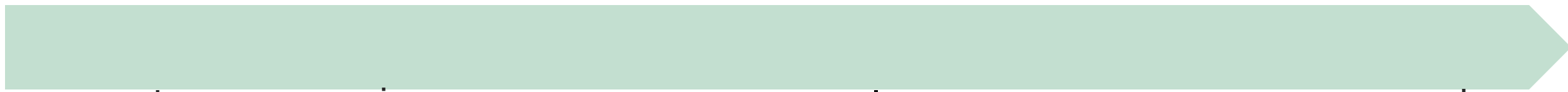
**November 1, 2023**

# **Preliminary Readiness Assessment Process and Timeline**

# CCBHC Certification Process Overview

The objective of today’s meeting is to provide an overview of the process and timeline for organizations to submit Vermont’s CCBHC preliminary readiness assessment.

2023			2024						
Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July



**Dec 2023-June 2024**

DMH provides TA to two organizations moving forward in the CCBHC demonstration based on gaps identified in the preliminary readiness assessment to help the organizations meet all CCBHC criteria



**Nov 2023**

Organizations submit preliminary readiness assessment

**Dec 2023**

State selects two organizations to move forward in CCBHC certification process



**March 2024**

State submits application to participate in CCBHC demonstration



**July 2024**

*If VT is selected, CCBHC demonstration begins*

# Timeline to Select Organizations to Move Forward in Certification Process

Selection Process Activity	Responsible Party	Due Date
Issue preliminary readiness assessment	Vermont	<b>October 28, 2023</b>
Pre-submission informational webinar	Vermont	<b>November 1, 2023, from 12:05 to 1:00 p.m. ET</b>
Deadline to submit questions on preliminary readiness assessment	Applicant	<b>November 2, 2023, by 11:59 p.m. ET</b>
Issue response to questions	Vermont	<b>November 6, 2023</b>
Deadline to submit preliminary readiness assessment	Applicant	<b><u>November 13, 2023, by noon ET</u></b>
State identifies and notify two organizations that will go through the CCBHC certification process	Vermont	<b><u>December 1, 2023</u></b>

Key  
Dates



## Preliminary Readiness Assessment Submission Instructions

- Organizations completing the preliminary readiness assessment should submit any questions to the State by **11:59 p.m. ET on November 2, 2023**. Questions should be emailed to [AHS.DMHPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.DMHPolicy@vermont.gov).
- Organizations interested in proceeding through the CCBHC certification process must complete this preliminary readiness assessment and email it to [AHS.DMHPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.DMHPolicy@vermont.gov) by **noon ET on November 13, 2023**.

# **Preliminary Readiness Assessment Overview**

# Overview of Preliminary Readiness Assessment (1)

Organizations that are interested in pursuing participation in the CCBHC demonstration must complete the preliminary readiness assessment by noon ET on November 13, 2023.

## Components of Preliminary Readiness Assessment

The preliminary readiness assessment is intended to evaluate **how close an organization is to meeting SAMHSA's 2023 CCBHC criteria across the six program requirements:**

1. Staffing
2. Availability and Accessibility of Services
3. Care Coordination
4. Scope of Services
5. Quality and Other Reporting
6. Accreditation, Organizational Authority and Governance

**Vermont will hold organizations to the minimum 2023 SAMHSA requirements for CCBHC certification. In select areas where states have discretion to define CCBHC requirements, Vermont allows organizations to propose an approach in the preliminary readiness assessment and will finalize a statewide approach over the next several months.**

# Overview of Preliminary Readiness Assessment (2)

The preliminary readiness assessment has two types of questions: multiple choice checklists and narrative.



## Multiple Choice Checklist

- Majority of questions ask organizations to indicate the extent to which they currently meet SAMHSA's CCBHC certification criteria:
  - **Does not meet today**
  - **Partially meets today**
  - **Fully meets today**
- For **15 high priority criteria**, organizations are asked to **provide additional narrative information** on how they are meeting those requirements.
- For select questions about **scope of services**, organizations are asked to indicate whether they currently provide each required CCBHC service, either directly or through contracting.



## Narrative Questions

- 4 questions where a narrative response is requested:
  - **Substance use services**
  - **Evidence-based practices (EBPs)**
  - **Primary care screening and monitoring**
  - **Targeted case management**

# Evaluation and Selection

AHS has established an Evaluation Committee to review organizations' responses to the preliminary readiness assessment, score the responses, and identify the top two organizations to move forward in the CCBHC certification process based on their scores.

## Scoring Approach

The Evaluation Committee will assign a score to each response unless the preliminary readiness assessment indicates that a response will not be scored. All items will be equally weighted, except for the following items, which will be weighted higher:

- **Priority criteria**
- **Scope of services**
- **Narrative questions**

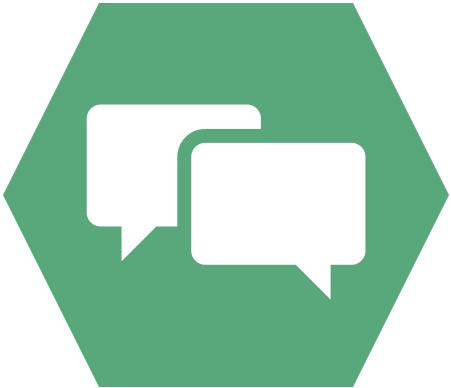
**Organizations will be notified of whether they have been selected to move forward in the CCBHC certification process on December 1, 2023.**



# Q & A

# Question & Answer

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## Use the chat

- Ask questions
- Share your own experiences




## Ask a question

- Use “Raise Hand” in Teams to get in the line to ask a question
- Facilitators will call on people in the line and take them off mute so they can ask a question

# Appendix

# Example of Multiple-Choice Checklist Questions

Program Requirement 3: Care Coordination				
	Criteria 3.A: General Requirements of Care Coordination	0: Does Not Meet Today	1: Partially Meets Today	2: Fully Meets Today
3.a.1 <b>Priority criterion</b> 	<p>The prospective CCBHC coordinates care across the spectrum of health services. This includes access to high-quality physical health (both acute and chronic) and mental health and substance use disorder care, as well as social services, housing, educational systems, and employment opportunities as necessary to facilitate wellness and recovery of the whole person. The prospective CCBHC also coordinates with other systems to meet the needs of the people they serve, including criminal and juvenile justice and child welfare.</p> <p>For “1: Partially meets today” and “2: Fully meets today” responses, please detail the hours your prospective CCBHC is open during the daytime, evening and weekend hours. Please write your response in the fillable field below.  <i>Responses are limited to 1,000 characters.</i></p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <i>Organization enters narrative explanation here</i> </div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Criteria 3.C: Care Coordination Partnerships	0: Does Not Meet Today	1: Partially Meets Today	2: Fully Meets Today
3.c.2	The prospective CCBHC tracks when people receiving CCBHC services are admitted to facilities providing the services listed above, as well as when they are discharged, unless there is a formal transfer of care to a non-CCBHC entity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Examples of Scope of Services Checklist Questions

## Program Requirement 4: Scope of Services

### Criteria 4F: Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Use Services

#### Scope of Services

Select ✓ for each service offered. Vermont will require that CCBHCs offer each of the services listed below.

The prospective CCBHC provides directly or through contracting outpatient mental health and substance use services in accordance with services covered under the state's Medicaid program, including:

- Psychopharmacological treatment, including medical evaluation, management, and consultation
- Medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD)
- Medications for alcohol use disorder (MAUD)
- Individual, group, and family counseling
- Intensive outpatient treatment
- Early childhood and family mental health (ECFMH)

# Examples of Narrative Responses for Discretionary Items

## Program Requirement 4: Scope of Services

### Criteria 4G: Primary care screening and monitoring

#### **Narrative Question**

SAMHSA allows flexibility for CCBHCs to offer substance use services on-site or through DCOs. Vermont has a robust existing network of MOUD, MAUD, and outpatient substance use service providers that CCBHCs could use to provide substance use services.

Organizations that leverage Preferred Providers, Hubs, and/or Spokes to provide substance use services will be scored higher.

How will your organization provide MOUD, MAUD, and outpatient substance use services? Describe if your organization will provide these services directly versus through a DCO that is a Preferred Provider, a Hub, a Spoke, and/or another type of substance use services provider.

*Responses are limited to 2,500 characters.*

*Organization enters narrative explanation here*