

PROVIDER ALERT
Funding Availability from SAMHSA
Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) Grant Program

April 26, 2021

Target Audience: Community Mental Health Centers

AMENDED AFFIDAVIT

The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) previously announced Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHC) Grant Program. To facilitate more Outpatient Mental Health Centers (OMHCs) applying for the funding, BHA has amended the affidavit attesting compliance with the CMHC requirements. BHA will review the application and seek input from the CSA or LBHA to determine if qualifications are met.

The amended affidavit may be found [here](#).

SAMHSA's, CMHS program, is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2021 Community Mental Health Centers. The purpose of this program is to enable community mental health centers to support and restore the delivery of clinical services that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and effectively address the needs of individuals with serious emotional disturbance (SED), serious mental illness (SMI), and individuals with SMI or SED and substance use disorders.

The Grant Application may be found at: [CMHC Grant Program](#)

Eligibility:

Community Mental Health Centers, including state and local government-operated Community Mental Health Centers, as defined by Section 1913 (c) of the Public Health Services Act. **Applicants must provide documentation of certification or licensure as a CMHC from their state and/or accreditation from a nationally recognized accreditation organization.**



As Maryland does not license CMHCs, the Behavioral Health Administration will provide documentation of "certification" to OMHCs that meet the criteria for a CMHC as set forth in federal law. To obtain "certification", complete the attached document and email to BHA.Licensing@Maryland.gov. In the subject line, put "GRANT" and your OMHCs name.

For additional questions regarding this alert, please send your inquiries to SusanR.Steinberg@maryland.gov.

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