

A permanent or mobile clinic which is located in a rural area which provides diagnostic and therapeutic services and supplies that are commonly furnished in a physician's office or at the entry point into the health care delivery system. The clinic chooses to participate in the federal reimbursement program.

Exemptions:

- No applicable. Voluntary program.

Type Regulation:

- No separate state program license is required other than those as required for individual professional practitioners. This is a voluntary federal program that allows such clinics to participate in the Medicare program.

Legal Authority:

- [42 U.S.C. § 1395x](#)

Rules:

State:

- No separate programmatic rules. Individual professional practitioners are required to comply with state regulation re: practice of their professions.

Federal:

- [Conditions of Participation](#): 42 C.F.R. Part 491. To obtain more information about certification and general information on Rural Health Clinics, visit the CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) website [CMS Rural Health Clinic Guidance](#).