

CCBHC Advocacy for Sustainability

June 22, 2022

Our CCBHC Goal

BH provider organizations in every community have the option and the opportunity to become CCBHCs...

...And all CCBHCs are permanently, sustainably financed through Medicaid

What do we need to achieve our goal?

Federal expansion of the CCBHC model

Continued increases to grant funding as the model grows

Buy-in from state policymakers



CCBHC in Federal Legislation

Current Demonstration States

- Extends the demo with enhanced match for the original 8 states to Sept. 30, 2025
- Gives the newer 2 demo states (KY & MI) 6 years of enhanced match
 - Moves MI to Oct. 2027 and KY to Jan. 2028
- Clarifies that if a state implements a CCBHC SPA or waiver after its demo is over, FFP continues to be available for CCBHC services or continuing PPS

Reporting

- Requires annual reports to Congress through the year in which the last demonstration ends
- Postpones the report, including recommendations on whether the demo should be continued, to Sept. 30, 2025, and specifies that the recommendations should include “data collected after 2019, where feasible”
- Adds a final evaluation of the program, due 24 months after all demo programs have ended

Demonstration Expanded

- Beginning July 1, 2024, and every 2 years thereafter, ≤10 additional states may participate in the demo
- New states get 4 years of enhanced match
- Makes planning grants available for new states to develop proposals to participate
 - Participation in the demo appears to be open to states that either received a planning grant in 2016 or those that receive new planning grants under this law
 - States wishing to participate must submit a new application
- Appropriates \$40M in FY23 for planning grants and technical assistance to states applying for the grants, “to remain available until expended”
 - The statute doesn’t specify whether the new planning grant funding is available all at once or if it will be parceled out to a new group of states every 2 years



State policy strategies

Legislative mandate & funding to pursue SPA/waiver

- Requires state Medicaid and BH agencies to file a SPA or waiver with CMS for CCBHC implementation
- Enacted in: ID, IL, IN, KS, WV

Budget allocation for study & recommendations

- Provides funding for state to conduct formal learning or planning process
- Enacted in: ME, WA

Funding for “bridge grants” or state-specific CCBHC grants

- Supports continuation of CCBHC model by existing grantees near end of grant period, or implementation of CCBHC model by new grantees
- Enacted in: IL, NC, WA

Participation in national CCBHC data repository

- Statewide data has been crucial in developing state policymaker support
- Live in: MO (so far...)

Simple actions to advance CCBHCs' future

1. **Click** to write your legislators today – June 22
2. **Share** info about your work in our CCBHC Impact Survey, coming soon - early June
3. **Connect** with your state behavioral health association on any state advocacy efforts

Does advocacy really work?



Urge Congress to Expand Support for CCBHCs

Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act

- Allows any state/territory to participate in the CCBHC demonstration... making cost-related CCBHC payment (PPS) available to all
- Authorizes \$500M for CCBHC-E grants... dramatically expanding allowable funds for current and future cohorts
- Congressional support is growing, but more cosponsors are needed.

Join CCBHCs across the nation in asking your Rep/Senators to sign on!

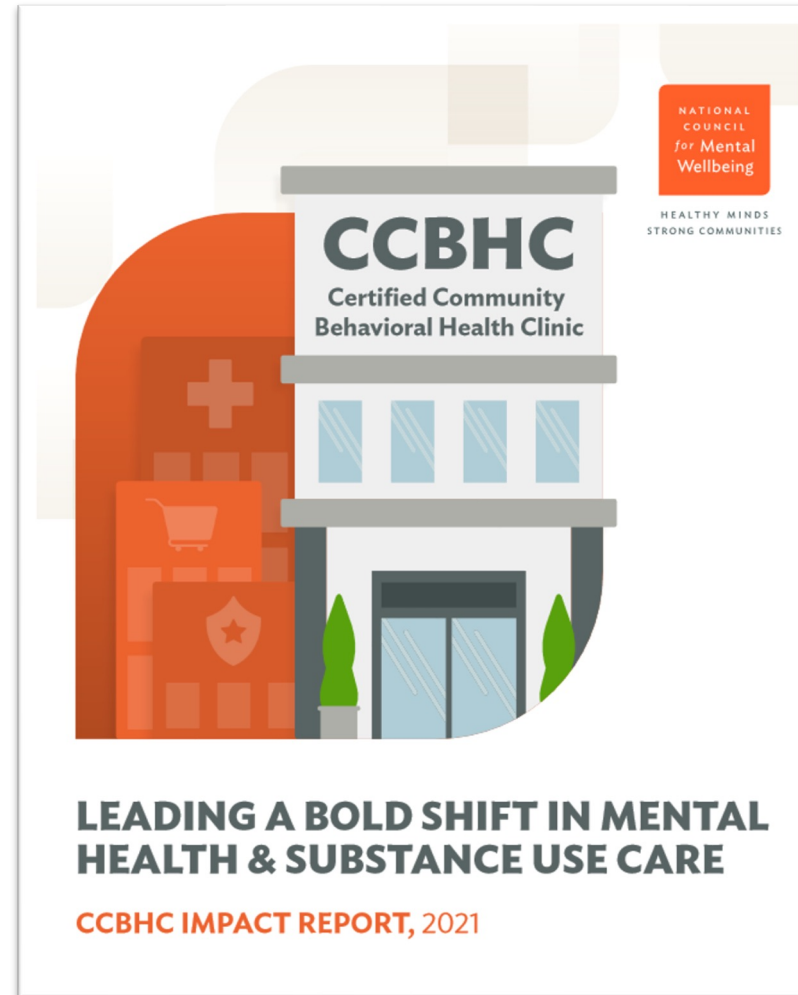
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CCBHC Impact Survey

Check your inboxes, coming soon!

Data from last year's report has been used to build buy-in from policymakers and partners at all levels.



Questions?

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