

RURAL HEALTH CLINIC APPLICATION PROCESS

- Rural status check of clinic address
- Eligibility check of clinic address for Health Professional Shortage Area



[The Rural Health Information Hub](#) is a great resource to check if the clinic address is eligible

- Submit CMS Form 855A To Medicare Administrative Contractor - (Palmetto GBA)
[Link to Form 855A](#)
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- Complete and Submit [CMS Form 29](#) to the Bureau of Health Provider Standards
- If HPS is completing survey, they will confirm with prospective CAH that they are prepared for survey
- Site survey completed by HPS or a deeming agent after that point. Third party deeming agent is paid by the clinic
- If alternate surveyor will be conducting the survey, they should be notified at this time
- Resources to prepare for Surveys
[State Operations Manual Appendix G - Guidance for Surveyors](#)
[CMS Quality In Focus Training](#) - Guidance from CMS on how to respond to survey citations.

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