

# RHC ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

## Standards Change Log V 3.4



Previous Requirement (v 3.3)		QUAD A Revised Standard (v 3.4)	
<p><b>14-E-2</b></p>	<p><b>Nurse Practitioner</b>            The clinic's nurse practitioner is currently licensed to practice in the state, and meets the State's requirements governing the qualifications of nurse practitioners.            And meets one of the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The clinic's nurse practitioner is currently certified as a primary care nurse practitioner by the America Nurses' Association or by the National Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Associates.</li> <li>2) The clinic's Nurse Practitioner has satisfactorily completed a formal one academic year educational program that:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Prepares registered nurses to perform an expanded role in the delivery of primary care;</li> <li>b) That includes at least four (4) months (in the aggregate) of classroom instruction and a component of supervised clinical practice.</li> <li>c) Awards a degree, diploma, or certificate to persons who successfully complete the program</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) The clinic's Nurse Practitioner has successfully completed a formal educational program (for preparing registered nurses to perform an expanded role in the delivery of primary care) that does not meet the requirements identified above in paragraph 2, and the clinic's Nurse Practitioner has been performing an expanded role in the delivery of primary care for a total of 12 months during the 18-month period immediately preceding the effective date of the subpart.</li> </ol>	<p><b>14-E-2</b></p>	<p><b>Nurse Practitioner</b>            means a <b>person</b> who meets the <b>applicable</b> State's requirements governing the qualifications of nurse practitioners, and who meets <b>at least</b> one of the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Is certified as a primary care nurse practitioner by <b>a recognized national certifying body that has established standards for nurse practitioners and possesses a master's or doctoral degree in nursing practice</b>; or</li> <li>2) Has satisfactorily completed a formal 1 academic year educational program that:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Prepares registered nurses to perform an expanded role in the delivery of primary care;</li> <li>b) Includes at least 4 months (in the aggregate) of classroom instruction and a component of supervised clinical practice; and</li> <li>c) Awards a degree, diploma, or certificate to persons who successfully complete the program; or</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) Has successfully completed a formal educational program (for preparing registered nurses to perform an expanded role in the delivery of primary care) that does not meet the requirements of paragraph (2) of this definition, and has been performing an expanded role in the delivery of primary care for a total of 12 months during the 18-month period immediately preceding the effective date of this subpart.</li> </ol>

<b>14-E-7</b>	The physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, clinical social worker, or clinical psychologist member of the staff may be the owner, an employee of the clinic, or may furnish service under contract to the clinic. At least one physician assistant or nurse practitioner must be an employee of the clinic.	<b>14-E-7</b>	The physician assistant, nurse practitioner, <b>certified</b> nurse midwife, clinical social worker, clinical psychologist, marriage and <b>family therapist or mental health counselor</b> member of the staff may be the owner, an employee of the clinic, or may furnish service under contract to the clinic. At least one physician assistant or nurse practitioner must be an employee of the clinic.
<b>14-E-10</b>	There is a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, certified nurse-midwife, clinical social worker, or clinical psychologist available to furnish patient care services at all times the clinic operates, and a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant, or certified nurse- midwife is available to furnish patient care services at least 50 percent of the time the RHC operates.	<b>14-E-10</b>	There is a physician, <b>certified</b> nurse practitioner, physician assistant, certified nurse-midwife, clinical social worker, clinical psychologist, <b>marriage and family therapist, or a mental health counselor</b> available to furnish patient care services at all times the clinic operates. In addition, for RHCs, a <b>certified</b> nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse-midwife is available to furnish patient care services at least 50 percent of the time the RHC operates.
<b>N/A</b>	N/A - New Standard	<b>14-E-20</b>	<b><i>Certified nurse-midwife (CNM)</i></b> means an individual who meets the applicable education, training, and other requirements at § 410.77(a) of this chapter.
<b>N/A</b>	N/A - New Standard	<b>14-E-21</b>	<b><i>Clinical psychologist (CP)</i></b> means an individual who meets the applicable education, training, and other requirements of § 410.71(d) of this chapter.
<b>N/A</b>	N/A - New Standard	<b>14-E-22</b>	<b><i>Clinical social worker</i></b> means an individual who meets the applicable education, training, and other requirements at § 410.73(a) of this chapter.
<b>N/A</b>	N/A - New Standard	<b>14-E-23</b>	<b><i>Marriage and family therapist</i></b> means an individual who meets the applicable education, training, and other requirements at § 410.53 of this chapter.
<b>N/A</b>	N/A - New Standard	<b>14-E-24</b>	<b><i>Mental health counselor</i></b> means an individual who meets the applicable education, training, and other requirements at § 410.54 of this chapter.
<b>N/A</b>	N/A - New Term in Glossary	<b>Glossary</b>	<b><i>Secretary</i></b> means the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or any official to whom he has delegated the pertinent authority.