

42 C.F.R. § 491.5

Location of clinic.

- (a) Basic requirements. (1) An RHC is located in a rural area that is designated as a shortage area.
- (2) An FQHC is located in a rural or urban area that is designated as either a shortage area or an area that has a medically underserved population.
- (3) Both the RHC and the FQHC may be permanent or mobile units.
- (i) *Permanent unit.* The objects, equipment, and supplies necessary for the provision of the services furnished directly by the clinic or center are housed in a permanent structure.
- (ii) *Mobile unit.* The objects, equipment, and supplies necessary for the provision of the services furnished directly by the clinic or center are housed in a mobile structure, which has fixed, scheduled location(s).
- (iii) *Permanent unit in more than one location.* If clinic or center services are furnished at permanent units in more than one location, each unit is independently considered for approval as a rural health clinic or for approval as an FQHC.

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