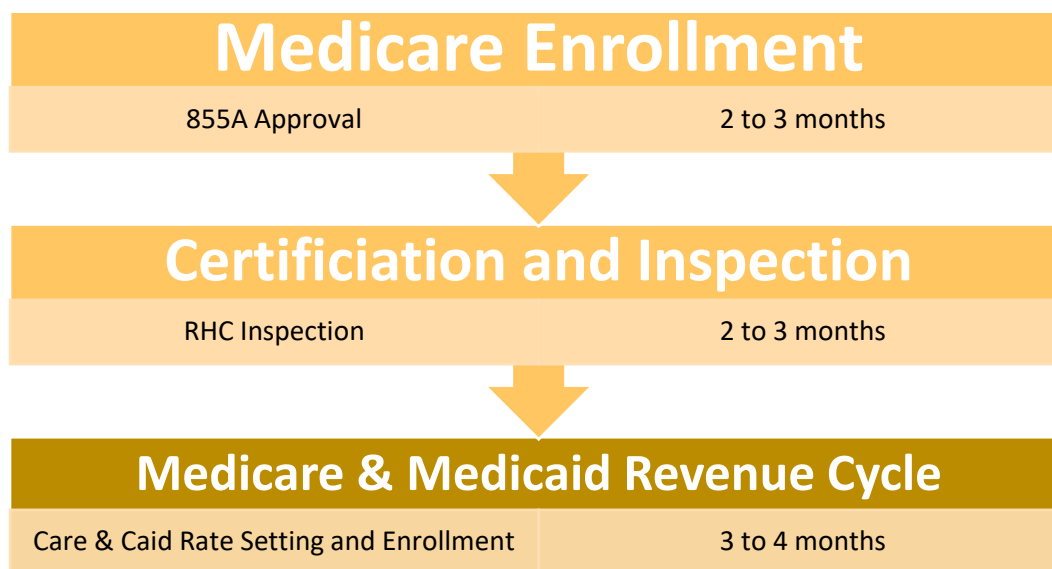




Projected Timelines for becoming a Rural Health Clinic

Becoming a rural health clinic is a long process with lots of governmental hurdles to overcome and steps to achieve. It can be a long and sometime daunting task with many pitfalls, traps, and slowdowns along the way. We have provided the following table to give you an idea of the expected timeframes for the accomplishment of the becoming a rural health clinic and most importantly getting paid.



Definitions

Medicare Enrollment – RHCs must use an 855A to enroll as an institutional provider using a facility or institutional NPI number. This process takes 2 to 3 months to complete, review, and approve the 855A.

Certification and Inspection – RHCs must pass an inspection by the State or deeming authority to become certified as a rural health clinic. The clinic must demonstrate it is acting as a RHC by policy, procedures, and processes that comply with the nine conditions of participation. This process normally takes 2 to 3 months.

Medicare & Medicaid Revenue Cycle Implementation – RHCs must have a CCN (provider number), Medicare All-Inclusive Rate, ability to generate an ANSI-837 (UB-04) claim form and be enrolled in the EDI system of the MAC before Medicare can pay. RHCs must enroll in Medicaid as an RHC, have a Medicaid interim rate established, and bill according to the format and instructions of each state's Medicaid program.