

Qualified Health Plan Issuer Application Instructions

Plan Year 2025

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To count towards meeting the time and distance standards, individual and facility providers listed on the below tables must be appropriately licensed, accredited, or certified to practice in their state, as applicable, and must have in-person services available.

Table E-1. Time and Distance Standards for Individual Provider Specialty Types for Medical QHPs for Exchange PY2024 QHP Certification

Individual Provider Specialty Types	Maximum Time and Distance Standards ^a											
	Large Metro County		Metro County		Micro County		Rural County		Counties with Extreme Access Considerations (CEAC)			
	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance		
Allergy and Immunology	30	15	45	30	80	60	90	75	125	110		
Cardiology	20	10	30	20	50	35	75	60	95	85		
Cardiothoracic Surgery	30	15	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130		
Chiropractor	30	15	45	30	80	60	90	75	125	110		
Dental	30	15	45	30	80	60	90	75	125	110		
Dermatology	20	10	45	30	60	45	75	60	110	100		
Emergency Medicine	20	10	45	30	80	60	75	60	110	100		
Endocrinology	30	15	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130		
ENT/Otolaryngology	30	15	45	30	80	60	90	75	125	110		
Gastroenterology	20	10	45	30	60	45	75	60	110	100		
General Surgery	20	10	30	20	50	35	75	60	95	85		
Gynecology, OB/GYN	10	5	15	10	30	20	40	30	70	60		
Infectious Diseases	30	15	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130		
Nephrology	30	15	45	30	80	60	90	75	125	110		
Neurology	20	10	45	30	60	45	75	60	110	100		
Neurosurgery	30	15	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130		
Occupational Therapy	20	10	45	30	80	60	75	60	110	100		
Oncology—Medical, Surgical	20	10	45	30	60	45	75	60	110	100		
Oncology—Radiation	30	15	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130		
Ophthalmology	20	10	30	20	50	35	75	60	95	85		
Orthopedic Surgery	20	10	30	20	50	35	75	60	95	85		

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	Large Metro County		Metro County		Micro County		Rural County		Counties with Extreme Access Considerations (CEAC)			
	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance		
Outpatient Clinical Behavioral Health (licensed, accredited, or certified professionals)	10	5	15	10	30	20	40	30	70	60		
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	30	15	45	30	80	60	90	75	125	110		
Physical Therapy	20	10	45	30	80	60	75	60	110	100		
Plastic Surgery	30	15	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130		
Podiatry	20	10	45	30	60	45	75	60	110	100		
Primary Care--Adult	10	5	15	10	30	20	40	30	70	60		
Primary Care--Pediatric	10	5	15	10	30	20	40	30	70	60		
Psychiatry	20	10	45	30	60	45	75	60	110	100		
Pulmonology	20	10	45	30	60	45	75	60	110	100		
Rheumatology	30	15	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130		
Speech Therapy	20	10	45	30	80	60	75	60	110	100		
Urology	20	10	45	30	60	45	75	60	110	100		
Vascular Surgery	30	15	60	40	100	75	110	90	145	130		

^a Time standard is measured in minutes. Distance standard is measured in miles.

Table E-2. Time and Distance Standards for Facility Specialty Types for Medical QHPs for Exchange PY2024 QHP Certification

Facility Specialty Type	Maximum Time and Distance Standards ^a											
	Large Metro County		Metro County		Micro County		Rural County		Counties with Extreme Access Considerations (CEAC)			
	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance	Time	Distance		
Acute Inpatient Hospitals (must have Emergency services available 24/7)	20	10	45	30	80	60	75	60	110	100		
Cardiac Catheterization Services	30	15	60	40	160	120	145	120	155	140		
Cardiac Surgery Program	30	15	60	40	160	120	145	120	155	140		
Critical Care Services--Intensive Care Units (ICUs)	20	10	45	30	160	120	145	120	155	140		



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	Large Metro County			Metro County			Micro County			Rural County			Counties with Extreme Access Considerations (CEAC)		
	Time	Distance		Time	Distance		Time	Distance		Time	Distance		Time	Distance	
Diagnostic Radiology (free-standing; hospital outpatient; ambulatory health facilities with Diagnostic Radiology)	20	10		45	30		80	60		75	60		110	100	
Inpatient or Residential Behavioral Health Facility Services	30	15		70	45		100	75		90	75		155	140	
Mammography	20	10		45	30		80	60		75	60		110	100	
Outpatient Infusion/Chemotherapy	20	10		45	30		80	60		75	60		110	100	
Skilled Nursing Facilities	20	10		45	30		80	60		75	60		95	85	
Surgical Services (outpatient or ASC)	20	10		45	30		80	60		75	60		110	100	
Urgent Care	20	10		45	30		80	60		75	60		110	100	

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Table E-3. Time and Distance Standards for SADPs for Exchange PY2024 QHP Certification

Individual Provider Specialty Type	Maximum Time and Distance Standards ^a														
	Large Metro County			Metro County			Micro County			Rural County			Counties with Extreme Access Considerations (CEAC)		
	Time	Distance		Time	Distance		Time	Distance		Time	Distance		Time	Distance	
Dental	30	15		45	30		80	60		90	75		125	110	

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