Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS

§ 485.645 Special requirements for CAH providers of long-term care services ("swing-beds")

A CAH must meet the following requirements in order to be granted an approval from CMS to provide post-hospital SNF care, as specified in §409.30 of this chapter, and to be paid for SNF-level services, in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.

(a) Eligibility. A CAH must meet the following eligibility requirements:

(1) The facility has been certified as a CAH by CMS under §485.606(b) of this subpart; and

(2) The facility provides not more than 25 inpatient beds. Any bed of a unit of the facility that is licensed as a distinct-part SNF at the time the facility applies to the State for designation as a CAH is not counted under paragraph (a) of this section.

(b) Facilities participating as rural primary care hospitals (RPCHs) on September 30, 1997. These facilities must meet the following requirements:

(1) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, a CAH that participated in Medicare as a RPCH on September 30, 1997, and on that date had in effect an approval from CMS to use its inpatient facilities to provide post-hospital SNF care may continue in that status under the same terms, conditions and limitations that were applicable at the time those approvals were granted.

(2) A CAH that was granted swing-bed approval under paragraph (b)(1) of this section may request that its application to be a CAH and swing-bed provider be reevaluated under paragraph (a) of this section. If this request is approved, the approval is effective not