

**481—51.27(135B) Critical access hospitals.** Critical access hospitals shall meet the federal conditions of participation as a critical access hospital as described in 42 CFR Part 485, Subpart F, as amended to November 7, 2023, and any federal interpretive guidelines. The requirements of this chapter applicable to hospitals are generally applicable to critical access hospitals unless compliance would be inconsistent with 42 CFR Part 485, Subpart F, as amended to November 7, 2023, and any interpretive guidelines. If swing-bed approval has been granted, all 25 beds may be used interchangeably for acute or skilled nursing facility level of care services.  
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