Federally Qualified Health Centers, as defined in Section (1)(2)(B) of the federal Social Security Act, must apply for a substance use disorder (SUD) license from IDHS/SUPR if the Center is directly providing SUD services at any of its associated locations. Based upon the federal designation granted to FQHC’s and their accreditation status, IDHS/SUPR has been able to streamline the components of the license application to assist with the facilitation of licensure for FQHC organizations.

The current requirements specified in the Substance Use Disorder Services Application for Intervention/Treatment License and/or Medicaid certification are posted at http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=68564.

IDHS/SUPR has determined that specified sections of the license application (as indicated below) are exempt for any organization with FQHC status. The application should be submitted as follows:

**Sections 1-7** – These sections must be completed as they provide identifying information for the DHS/SUPR licensure database as well as documentation of medical and professional staff qualifications.

**Section 8** – EXEMPT – An FQHC does not need an architectural survey signed by an architect. Neither Schedule C or proof of accreditation status is required.

**Section 9-10** – These sections must be complete as they indicate the type of services provided and/or requested for Medicaid certification.

**Section 11** – Attachment 10, which is a narrative description of need, the organization, facility description, etc. is not required if the FQHC instead attaches its Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) application as most of the requested information is contained in that application. The interview portion of Section 11 is still required prior to licensure. Linkage agreements (Attachment 11) for the provision of SUD services not offered by the FQHC are not required. However, FQHCs are required to make referrals for any treatment need identified by the assessment that is not offered by the FQHC.

**Section 12** – This section must be complete as it is affirmation that the application is true and correct and certifies that the organization is in compliance with federal and state requirements including those contained in Administrative Rules, Parts 2060 and 2090.