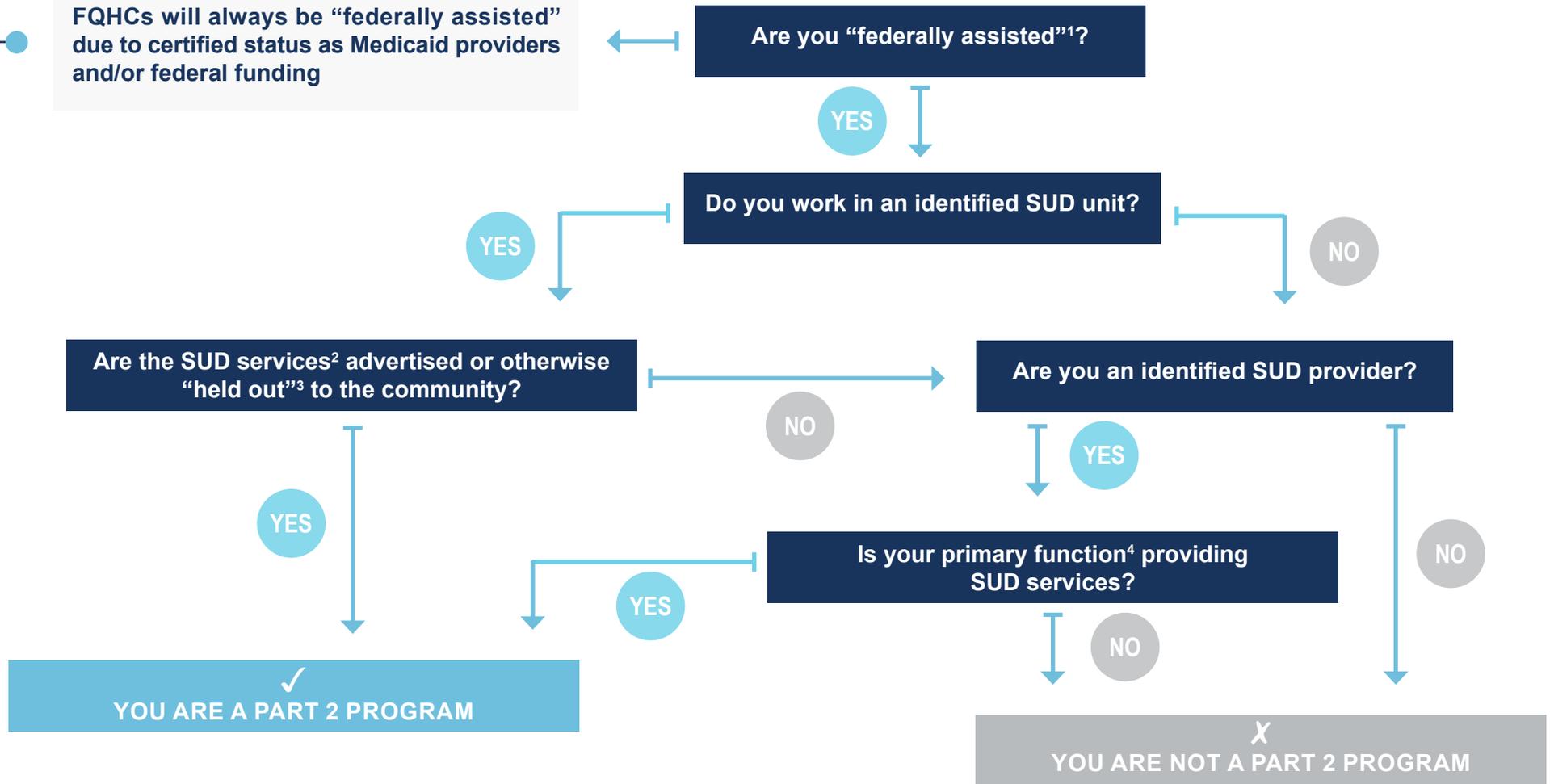


# I Provide SUD Services in an FQHC: Does Part 2 Apply to Me?

Use the flowchart below to determine if Part 2 applies to you; See the next page for key terms.

**NOTE:**  
FQHCs will always be “federally assisted” due to certified status as Medicaid providers and/or federal funding



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# Definitions

1 **“Federally Assisted”** means receiving federal funds, support, or authorization, including:

- Being conducted in whole or in part by any federal department or agency (but does not apply to the Department of Veterans Affairs); or
- Being carried out with a license, certification, registration, or other authorization granted by any federal department or agency, including participating providers in the Medicare program, authorization to conduct maintenance treatment or withdrawal management, or registration to dispense a controlled substance (e.g., DATA 2000 waiver to prescribe, dispense buprenorphine); or
- Being supported by federal funds, including financial assistance that does not directly pay for SUD services; or
- Being conducted by a state or local government unit receiving federal funds, if the federal funds may be used for SUD services; or
- Being assisted by the IRS (granted tax exempt status or allowing income tax deductions for contributions to the program).

**Source:** 42 CFR § 2.12(b)

2 **“SUD Services”** means diagnosis, treatment, or referral for treatment for a substance use disorder.

- Diagnosis means any reference to an individual’s substance use disorder, or to a condition which is identified as having been caused by that substance use disorder made for the purpose of treatment or referral for treatment.
- Treatment means the care of a patient suffering from a substance use disorder, a condition which is identified as having been caused by the substance use disorder, or both, in order to reduce or eliminate the adverse effects upon the patient.

**Source:** 42 CFR § 2.11

3 **“Held Out,” or “Holding Itself Out,”** means any activity that reasonably indicates to the public that the program provides SUD services, including but not limited to: advertising, state licensing procedures, statements to community or online, listings in SUD treatment registries, certifications in addiction treatment, and consultation activities with other practitioners.

**Source:** SAMHSA, *Applying the Substance Abuse Confidentiality Regulations, FAQ #10* (rev. April 18, 2019), <https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/laws-regulations/confidentiality-regulations-faqs>

4 **“Primary Function”** is not defined in the regulations or in official guidance. In recent guidance, SAMHSA offered one example of a provider whose “primary function” did constitute SUD services, when the provider only treated patients with substance use disorders, and a second example of a provider whose “primary function” did not constitute SUD services, when the provider treated a handful of patients with substance use disorders.

**Source:** SAMHSA, *Does Part 2 Apply to Me?*, pp. 4, 7 (2018), <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/does-part2-apply.pdf>