

514B.3 Application for a certificate of authority.

1. An application for a certificate of authority shall be verified by an officer or authorized representative of the health maintenance organization, shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner, and shall set forth or be accompanied by the following:

a. A copy of the basic organizational document, if any, of the applicant such as the articles of incorporation, articles of association, partnership agreement, trust agreement, or other applicable documents, and all of its amendments.

b. A copy of the bylaws, rules or similar document, if any, regulating the conduct of the internal affairs of the applicant.

c. A list of the names, addresses and official positions of the persons who are to be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the applicant, including all members of the board of directors, board of trustees, executive committee, or other governing board or committee, the principal officers if a corporation and the partners or members if a partnership or association.

d. A copy of any contract made or to be made between any providers or persons listed in paragraph "c" and the applicant.

e. A statement generally describing the health maintenance organization including, but not limited to, a description of its facilities and personnel.

f. A copy of the form of evidence of coverage.

g. A copy of the form of the group contract, if any, which is to be issued to employers, unions, trustees or other organizations.

h. Financial statements showing the applicant's assets, liabilities and sources of financial support. If the applicant's financial affairs are audited by an independent certified public accountant, a copy of the applicant's most recent regular certified financial statement shall satisfy this requirement unless the commissioner directs that additional financial information is required for the proper administration of [this chapter](#).

i. A description of the proposed method of marketing the plan, a financial plan which includes a three-year projection of operating results anticipated, and a statement as to the sources of funding.

j. A power of attorney executed by any applicant appointing the commissioner, the commissioner's successors in office, and deputies to receive process in any legal action or proceeding against the health maintenance organization on a cause of action arising in this state.

k. A statement reasonably describing the geographic area to be served.

l. A description of the complaint procedures to be utilized as required under [section 514B.14](#).

m. A description of the procedures and programs to be implemented to meet the requirements for quality of health care as determined by the director of health and human services under [section 514B.4](#).

n. A description of the mechanism by which enrollees shall be allowed to participate in matters of policy and operation as required by [section 514B.7](#).

o. Other information the commissioner finds reasonably necessary to make the determinations required in [section 514B.5](#).

2. A health maintenance organization shall, unless otherwise provided for in [this chapter](#), file notice with the commissioner and receive approval from the commissioner before modifying the operations described in the information required by [this section](#).

3. Upon receipt of an application for a certificate of authority, the commissioner shall immediately transmit copies of the application and accompanying documents to the director of health and human services and the affected regional health planning council, as authorized by Pub. L. No. 89-749, 42 U.S.C. §246(b)2b, for their nonbinding consultation and advice.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §514B.3]

[2003 Acts, ch 91, §28; 2006 Acts, ch 1010, §140; 2012 Acts, ch 1023, §116; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1193, 1194](#)

Referred to in [§514B.5, 514B.12](#)