

441—88.22(249A) PACE organization application and waiver process. This rule sets forth the application requirements for an entity that seeks approval from the department as a PACE organization and the process by which a prospective PACE organization may request department review and approval of requests to CMS for waiver of federal requirements.

88.22(1) *Application requirements.* A person authorized to act on behalf of an entity seeking approval as a PACE organization shall prepare an application in the format suggested by CMS at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PACE/06_ProviderApplicationandRelatedResources.asp.

a. The application shall:

(1) Describe how the entity meets the requirements of this division and of the federal PACE regulations; and

(2) Identify the counties in which the entity proposes to provide PACE services.

b. Upon completion of the application sections designated for PACE providers, the prospective PACE organization shall submit the application to the attention of the PACE program manager at the following address: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50315.

88.22(2) *Waiver of federal requirements.* A prospective PACE organization must also receive CMS approval as a PACE organization. A prospective PACE organization must submit any request for waiver of federal PACE regulations to the department for initial review before submitting the request to CMS.

a. The waiver request shall be submitted as a document separate from the application. The request may be submitted:

(1) In conjunction with and at the same time as the application; or

(2) At any time during the approval process.

b. The prospective PACE organization shall submit the waiver request and documentation to the attention of the PACE program manager at the following address: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50315.

88.22(3) *Review of applications and requests for waiver of federal requirements.* The department may conduct on-site visits and may request additional information from an entity in connection with an application for approval as a PACE organization or a request for waiver of federal requirements.

88.22(4) *Department action on applications.* Upon review of an application for approval as a PACE organization and action by CMS on any request for waiver of federal requirements, the department shall determine whether it considers the entity qualified to be a PACE organization and whether it is willing to enter into a PACE program agreement with the entity. If so, the department shall complete the application sections designated for the state administering agency and submit the completed application in its entirety to CMS.

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