

441—166.5 (249A) Applications. Eligible entities shall apply for quality improvement initiative grants using Form 470-4869, Grant Award Application. Applications may be accessed electronically through the Iowa Medicaid enterprise Web site, www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers.

166.5(1) Grant applications must be received by the Iowa Medicaid enterprise between February 1 and April 30 of any calendar year in which grant funds are available. Grant applications submitted before or after this period shall not be considered.

166.5(2) To be considered, each application must include, at a minimum, the following:

a. A description of the initiative's vision or goal. The application must identify how the grant will improve the quality of care or quality of life of nursing facility residents.

b. The objectives or expected outcomes of the initiative.

c. An implementation plan.

d. An education plan. For initiatives intended to provide education or training to stakeholders, the applicant shall submit a plan for the development and execution of the training curriculum.

e. A sustainability plan. The application shall describe how the initiative is a one-time initiative or will be self-sustaining once the grant implementation period has ended.

f. A budget, with competitive quotes. Applicants must include three quotes for the cost of equipment, construction and labor for the quality improvement initiative. The quotes shall be from businesses that comply with federal, state and local laws as required for the health and safety of the residents of the nursing facility.

g. A monitoring plan. The application shall describe how the applicant will monitor and evaluate ongoing progress toward meeting the initiative's stated goals.

h. The qualifications of professionals and other staff involved in the initiative.