

**441—77.51 (249A) Accountable care organizations.** Subject to the requirements of this rule, a designated provider may participate in the medical assistance program as an accountable care organization (ACO).

**77.51(1) ACO qualifications.** ACO entities must meet the following requirements for participation as an ACO:

*a.* An ACO must be a Medicaid-enrolled provider. An ACO must complete enrollment in accordance with rule 441—79.14(249A).

*b.* The ACO shall execute a provider participation agreement in accordance with rule 441—79.6(249A).

*c.* An ACO must complete Form 470-5264, Iowa Wellness Plan ACO Readiness Application. The department reserves the right to approve the application.

*d.* The department and ACO shall enter into an agreement on Form 470-5218, Iowa Medicaid Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Agreement. The ACO shall comply with all requirements as identified in Form 470-5218.

*e.* The department reserves the right to restrict ACO enrollment so that the mixture of enrolled ACOs best matches the needs of the Medicaid member population.

**77.51(2) Member selection.** Medicaid members eligible for services from providers attributed to an ACO shall be required to choose their providers in accordance with 441—subrules 88.3(2) and 88.3(7).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.