CMS ACCESS Model Participation and Operating Readiness

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What to have ready

Each item below ties to the ACCESS RFA [https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/files/access-rfa.pdf] or the ACCESS model page [https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/innovation-models/access] as they read in October 2026.

- Your Medicare Part B enrollment for the applying organization, and confirmation it is not a DMEPOS or laboratory supplier enrollment (model page eligibility statement).
- The name of your Medical Director, evidence that he or she is a Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy, and the employment or contract document (RFA).
- Your current clinical policies and procedures for the care you plan to deliver under ACCESS. The RFA has the Medical Director “Participate in the development, periodic review and approval of the Participant's clinical policies and procedures for ACCESS care”.
- Any existing patient safety plan, since the same RFA passage requires “a documented written patient safety plan”.
- A named owner and system for submitting outcome measures, since participants must “Submit OAP Measures via CMS' FHIR®-based API” (RFA, ongoing participation criteria).
- A list of every way you or an affiliated or contracted organization now bills Medicare fee-for-service for patients who could be aligned to you (model page FFS statement quoted above).
- The cohort start date you are aiming for, checked against RFA Table 2.
- Which tracks your clinical model fits, including whether you are waiting for a track that starts April 1, 2027 (model page).
- The person who will sign the Participation Agreement and the counsel who will review it (RFA).