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PACE Application Consulting for Initial Programs and Expansions

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What to have ready

Each item below ties to 42 CFR Part 460 (eCFR, current as of 30 September 2026) or the CMS PACE Initial and SAE Application (OMB 0938-1326, 2025 update).

- A completed nonbinding Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA), which CMS requires before an initial application (CMS PACE application [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/pace-initial-and-service-area-expansion-application-updated-2025.pdf]).
- The state administering agency's assurance that it considers your organization qualified and is willing to enter into a PACE program agreement (42 CFR 460.12(b)(1) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-E/part-460/subpart-B]).
- A plan for the State Readiness Review. CMS notes it "is required but may or may not be uploaded as part of the initial submission of the application" (CMS PACE application [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/pace-initial-and-service-area-expansion-application-updated-2025.pdf]).
- The physical street address of each PACE center. "Placeholder addresses will not be accepted" in HPMS (CMS PACE application [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/pace-initial-and-service-area-expansion-application-updated-2025.pdf]).
- A target quarterly submission date, generally the last Friday in March, June, September or December (CMS PACE application [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/pace-initial-and-service-area-expansion-application-updated-2025.pdf]).
- A description of the PACE center as the place "where the interdisciplinary team (IDT) is located, services are provided, and socialization occurs" (CMS PACE application [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/pace-initial-and-service-area-expansion-application-updated-2025.pdf]).
- Financial and actuarial work from your actuaries reflecting "prospective capitation of both Medicare and Medicaid payments" (CMS PACE application [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/pace-initial-and-service-area-expansion-application-updated-2025.pdf]).
- For an expansion or new center: evidence that your first trial period audit is complete and any corrective action plan is in place (42 CFR 460.12(d) [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-E/part-460/subpart-B]).
- Staff time on the calendar. CMS estimates the application takes "81 hours and 51 hours per initial and service area expansion response, respectively" (CMS PACE application [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/pace-initial-and-service-area-expansion-application-updated-2025.pdf]).