

in the health care facility as described in § 466.98(d).

(c) *Peer involvement in quality review studies.* Practitioners must be involved in the design of quality review studies, development of criteria, and actual conduct of studies involving their peers.

(d) *Consultation with practitioners other than physicians.* To the extent practicable, a QIO must consult with nurses and other professional health care practitioners (other than physicians defined in 1861(r) (1) and (2) of the Act) and with representatives of institutional and noninstitutional providers and suppliers with respect to the QIO's responsibility for review.

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§ 476.104 Coordination of activities.

In order to achieve efficient and economical review, a QIO must coordinate its activities (including information exchanges) with the activities of—

- (a) Medicare fiscal intermediaries and carriers;
- (b) Other QIOs; and
- (c) Other public or private review organizations as may be appropriate.

PART 478—RECONSIDERATIONS AND APPEALS

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Subpart A [Reserved]

Subpart B—Utilization and Quality Control Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Reconsiderations and Appeals

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§ 478.10 Scope.

This subpart establishes the requirements and procedures for—

(a) Reconsiderations conducted by a Utilization and Quality Control Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) or its subcontractor of initial denial determinations concerning services furnished or proposed to be furnished under Medicare;

(b) Hearings and judicial review of reconsidered determinations; and

(c) QIO review of a change in diagnostic and procedural coding information.

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§ 478.12 Statutory basis.

(a) Under section 1154 of the Act, a QIO may make an initial determination that services furnished or proposed to be furnished are not reasonable, necessary, or delivered in the most appropriate setting.

(b) Under section 1155 of the Act, the following rules apply: