

(d) *Accuracy of data.* The PACE organization must ensure that all data used for outcome monitoring are accurate and complete.

§ 460.136 Internal quality assessment and performance improvement activities.

(a) *Quality assessment and performance improvement requirements.* A PACE organization must do the following:

(1) Use a set of outcome measures to identify areas of good or problematic performance.

(2) Take actions targeted at maintaining or improving care based on outcome measures.

(3) Incorporate actions resulting in performance improvement into standards of practice for the delivery of care and periodically track performance to ensure that any performance improvements are sustained over time.

(4) Set priorities for performance improvement, considering prevalence and severity of identified problems, and give priority to improvement activities that affect clinical outcomes.

(5) Immediately correct any identified problem that directly or potentially threatens the health and safety of a PACE participant.

(b) *Quality assessment and performance improvement coordinator.* A PACE organization must designate an individual to coordinate and oversee implementation of quality assessment and performance improvement activities.

(c) *Involvement in quality assessment and performance improvement activities.* (1) A PACE organization must ensure that all interdisciplinary team members, PACE staff, and contract providers are involved in the development and implementation of quality assessment and performance improvement activities and are aware of the results of these activities.

(2) The quality improvement coordinator must encourage a PACE participant and his or her caregivers to be involved in quality assessment and performance improvement activities, including providing information about their satisfaction with services.

§ 460.138 Committees with community input.

A PACE organization must establish one or more committees, with community input, to do the following:

(a) Evaluate data collected pertaining to quality outcome measures.

(b) Address the implementation of, and results from, the quality assessment and performance improvement plan.

(c) Provide input related to ethical decisionmaking, including end-of-life issues and implementation of the Patient Self-Determination Act.

§ 460.140 Additional quality assessment activities.

A PACE organization must meet external quality assessment and reporting requirements, as specified by CMS or the State administering agency, in accordance with § 460.202.

Subpart I—Participant Enrollment and Disenrollment

§ 460.150 Eligibility to enroll in a PACE program.

(a) *General rule.* To enroll in a PACE program, an individual must meet eligibility requirements specified in this section. To continue to be eligible for PACE, an individual must meet the annual recertification requirements specified in § 460.160.

(b) *Basic eligibility requirements.* To be eligible to enroll in PACE, an individual must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be 55 years of age or older.

(2) Be determined by the State administering agency to need the level of care required under the State Medicaid plan for coverage of nursing facility services, which indicates that the individual's health status is comparable to the health status of individuals who have participated in the PACE demonstration waiver programs.

(3) Reside in the service area of the PACE organization.

(4) Meet any additional program specific eligibility conditions imposed under the PACE program agreement. These additional conditions may not modify the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) through (b)(3) of this section.