

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: New Quarterly Submission Process of Waivers for PACE Organizations

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing changes to the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) waiver submission process.

Beginning in the first quarter of the 2018 calendar year, all PACE waiver requests should be submitted on the same day of each calendar quarter now applicable to the application process. In order to allow time for CMS and PACE organizations to transition to this new waiver process, CMS will accept waivers on a rolling basis until the close of the fourth quarter on December 29, 2017. After December 29, 2017, waivers may only be submitted within the timeframes reflected in the table below:

Quarter 1 - March 30, 2018

Quarter 2 - June 29, 2018

Quarter 3 - September 28, 2018

Quarter 4 - December 28, 2018

As a reminder, a PACE organization should allow sufficient time to prepare and submit a waiver request to its State Administering Agency, which will in turn, review and forward the request to CMS along with any concerns or conditions. Please note that, if any waivers are submitted outside of these timeframes, the waiver will not be considered by CMS and will need to be resubmitted the next quarter. There may be instances in which a PACE organization may need to request a waiver outside of a quarterly timeframe. Such requests will be considered by CMS on a case-by-case basis.

Please submit any questions to the DMAO Portal under the PACE tab at: <https://dmao.lmi.org/>