
42 C.F.R. § 423.171

Procedures for approval of accreditation as a basis for deeming compliance.

(a) *Required information and materials.* A private, national accreditation organization applying for approval must furnish to CMS all of the following information and materials (when reapplying for approval, the organization need furnish only the particular information and materials requested by CMS):

- (1) The types of Part D plans and sponsors that it reviews as part of its accreditation process.
- (2) A detailed comparison of the organization's accreditation requirements and standards with the Medicare requirements (for example, a crosswalk).
- (3) Detailed information about the organization's survey process, including the following:
 - (i) Frequency of surveys and whether surveys are announced or unannounced.
 - (ii) Copies of survey forms, and guidelines and instructions to surveyors.
 - (iii) Descriptions of—
 - (A) The survey review process and the accreditation status decision making process;
 - (B) The procedures used to notify accredited Part D sponsors of deficiencies and to monitor the correction of those deficiencies; and
 - (C) The procedures used to enforce compliance with accreditation requirements.
- (4) Detailed information about the individuals who perform surveys for the accreditation organization, including the—

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