

## 42 C.F.R. § 426.510

## Docketing and evaluating the acceptability of NCD complaints.

- (a) *Docketing the complaint.* The Board does the following upon receiving a complaint regarding an NCD:
- (1) Dockets the complaint.
- (2) Determines whether the complaint is—
- (i) The first challenge to a particular NCD; or
- (ii) Related to a pending NCD review.
  - (3) Forwards the complaint to the Board member who conducts the review.
  - (b) Evaluating the acceptability of the complaint. The Board determines if the complaint is acceptable by confirming all of the following:
  - (1) The complaint is being submitted by an aggrieved party or, in the case of a joint complaint, that each individual named in the joint complaint is an aggrieved party. (In determining if a complaint is acceptable, the Board assumes that the facts alleged by the treating physician's documentation regarding the aggrieved party's (or parties') clinical condition are true.)
  - (2) The complaint meets the requirements for a valid complaint in § 426.500 and is not one of the documents in § 426.325(b).

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