
42 C.F.R. § 476.80

Coordination with Medicare administrative contractors, fiscal intermediaries, and carriers

- (a) *Procedures for agreements.* Medicare administrative contractor, fiscal intermediary, or carrier must have a written agreement with the QIO. The QIO must take the initiative with the fiscal intermediary or carrier in developing the agreement. The following steps must be taken in developing the agreement.
- (1) The QIO and the Medicare administrative contractor, fiscal intermediary, or carrier must negotiate in good faith in an effort to reach written agreement. If they cannot reach agreement, CMS will assist them in resolving matters in dispute.
 - (2) The QIO must incorporate its administrative procedures into an agreement with the Medicare administrative contractor, fiscal intermediary, or carrier and obtain approval from CMS, before it makes conclusive determinations for the Medicare program, unless CMS finds that the Medicare administrative contractor, fiscal intermediary, or carrier has—

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