

PACE Requests for CalOptima Letters of Support Questions & Answers

- 1. When will the CalOptima recommendations for the letters of support be reviewed and approved by the CalOptima Board of Directors?**

All requests will be submitted to the CalOptima Board of Directors as one action following the close of the submission period and no sooner than the second quarter of 2019.

- 2. Are independent PACE organizations (POs) required to submit Policies and Procedures to CalOptima to request a letter of support from CalOptima?**

CalOptima requires that independent POs submit, or make access available to, operational Policies and Procedures. POs may include an index of Policies and Procedures with their letter of support request and provide CalOptima with electronic access to the Policies and Procedures via website or other method.

- 3. How many letters of support will CalOptima issue?**

Following the submission period, CalOptima staff will bring the submitted materials before the full Board of Directors for consideration. The CalOptima Board will make the final determination about issuing letter(s) of support.

- 4. How many PACE centers does CalOptima currently operate?**

CalOptima currently operates one PACE center and four alternative care settings through contract agreements (with another to open in February 2019).

- 5. What is CalOptima's objective for the process of accepting requests for letters of support?**

CalOptima developed a process for the evaluation of requests for letters of support to meet regulatory requirements.

- 6. Is there an underserved geographic area, specific population or focus area CalOptima would like to see served by a new PO?**

No.

- 7. If an independent PO does not meet all the criteria outlined in the Instructions document, should the organization still submit a request for a letter of support?**

CalOptima will evaluate the requests based on the responses to the criteria listed in the Instructions document posted on the CalOptima website. Incomplete responses will not be considered. Following the submission period, CalOptima staff will analyze the information shared in the requests for letters of support and submit the information to the CalOptima Board of Directors for consideration.

8. Is CalOptima interested in partnering with an independent PO to open a new PACE center in Orange County?

This subject is outside the scope of the request for letters of support process as approved by the CalOptima Board of Directors during the September 6, 2018, meeting.

9. Will requests or submissions be posted publicly?

As a public agency, CalOptima is subject to the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Sections 6250 et seq.). Pursuant to that act, all submissions constitute public records and are subject to disclosure upon the request of any person and will be disclosed upon such a request. Only those matters that are specifically identified in California state statutes may be withheld from such disclosures. By submitting a letter of support request, submitters expressly waive any right to claim any exemption from disclosure that may apply for any material submitted.

Questions

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