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Regarding site expansion for the Program of All- 1
Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). 2

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) As used in this section: 3

(1) "CMS" means the United States Centers for Medicare and 4
Medicaid Services. 5

(2) "Entity" has the same meaning as in 42 C.F.R. 460.10. 6

(3) "PACE center," "PACE organization," "participant," and 7
"state administering agency" have the same meanings as in 42 8
C.F.R. 460.6. 9

(B) (1) Not later December 31, 2026, the Department of 10
Aging shall issue a request for proposals from any entity 11
interested in becoming a PACE organization located in a county 12
of this state not served by the PACE program on the effective 13
date of this section. Proposals shall be submitted to the 14
Department not later than ninety days after the date the 15
Department issues the request for proposals. 16

(2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not prevent the 17
Department from expanding the PACE program outside of the 18
process required by that division, including by issuing other 19

requests for proposals. All rates for new PACE organizations 20
added on or after the effective date of this section by a 21
request for proposal shall be the same as for PACE organizations 22
in existence on that date. 23

(C) To be eligible for approval by the Department to 24
become a PACE organization, an entity that submits a proposal 25
pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section shall meet all of 26
the following requirements: 27

(1) The entity provides a feasibility study of its 28
proposed service area to the Department. 29

(2) The entity has a current, valid provider agreement, as 30
defined in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code, or will be 31
eligible to enter into a provider agreement by the time that the 32
entity will begin providing services under the PACE program. 33

(3) The entity meets all federal requirements applicable 34
to PACE organizations. 35

(4) The entity demonstrates to the satisfaction of the 36
Department that the organization has experience providing health 37
care services to frail older adults and that each member of the 38
entity's staff, including employees and contractors, complies 39
with 42 C.F.R. 460.64. 40

(5) The entity has a facility suitable to be a PACE 41
center, or plans to acquire, build, or expand a facility 42
suitable to be a PACE center prior to beginning services, in its 43
proposed service area, as described in the request for proposals 44
process. 45

(6) The entity meets any additional requirements in rules 46
adopted by the Department pursuant to division (G) of this 47
section. 48

(D) The Department shall review all proposals submitted in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section. The Department shall determine from the proposals which entities it considers qualified to become PACE organizations for each service area. The determination shall be made not later than June 30, 2027.

(E) An entity considered by the Department as qualified to become a PACE organization may apply to CMS to become a PACE organization. The Department shall provide support to any such organization that applies to CMS by complying with federal requirements.

(F) Each entity approved to become a PACE organization by CMS shall begin providing services to participants not later than two years after the entity receives notice of its approval from CMS, consistent with federal financial participation.

(G) The Director of Aging may adopt rules to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.