

Appendix A
CMS Response to Public Comments Received for CMS-10525

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received comments related to PACE Quality Data Monitoring and Reporting (CMS-10525) from one PACE organization (PO), a state administering agency, and an anonymous source for a total of three comments. This is the reconciliation of the comments.

Comment:

CMS received a comment from a PO expressing that they are in support of maintaining the current process and frequency of quality data monitoring and reporting and it aligns with other healthcare entities' reporting processes. An increase in the amount and frequency in reporting may be burdensome to our PACE programs and leads to the concern that onerous reporting could take away from participant care.

Response:

CMS thanks the commenters for expressing their concern. CMS has identified that reporting this data quarterly has resulted in missed opportunities for technical assistance and delays in implementing much needed quality improvement efforts that may jeopardize the health and safety of PACE participants. To successfully implement participant specific interventions and meaningful quality improvement initiatives, we believe that reporting this data in a timelier manner promotes collaboration, reduces risk, and improves the health and safety of PACE participants.

Comment:

CMS received a comment from a state administering agency conveying that the overview states that data collection occurs per certain regulations. It refers to regulation 460.140, which is not currently in the CFR. What is this regulation and where can it be found?

Response:

CMS appreciates the comment and clarifies that 42 CFR § 460.140 is not an existing regulatory citation nor is it included in this PRA package. As outlined in the Supporting Statement and PACE Quality Monitoring and Reporting Guidance, POs must comply with the quality monitoring and reporting requirements outlined in sections 460.130(d), 460.200(b)(1), 460.200(c) and 460.202. POs are also required to report certain unusual incidents to other Federal and State agencies consistent with applicable statutory or regulatory requirements (see 42 CFR § 460.136(a)(5)).

Comment:

CMS received a comment from an anonymous source expressing their support for Docket (CMS-2023-0148) because it is advancing long, healthy, and productive lives. It is encouraging people to identify and address health disparities among organizations involving the elderly community. This docket is reducing health disparities which can

lead to advancements in the lives of the elderly. PACE also plays a role which is providing the elderly needs in a positive manner. It is leading to the advancements of healthy lives by providing basic life necessities to the elderly population.

Response:

CMS thanks the commenter for their support.