

(4) *State declines to accept licensure application.* The appropriate State licensing authority has given the organization written notice that it will not accept its licensure application.

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§ 422.374 Waiver request and approval process.

(a) *Substantially complete waiver request.* The organization must submit a substantially complete waiver request that clearly demonstrates and documents its eligibility for a waiver under § 422.372.

(b) CMS gives the organization written notice of granting or denial of waiver within 60 days of receipt of a substantially complete waiver request.

(c) *Subsequent waiver requests.* An organization that has had a waiver request denied, may submit subsequent waiver requests until November 1, 2002.

(d) *Effective date.* A waiver granted under § 422.370 will be effective on the effective date of the organization's MA contract.

(e) *Consistency in application.* CMS reserves the right to revoke waiver eligibility if it subsequently determines that the organization's MA application is significantly different from the application submitted by the organization to the State licensing authority.

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§ 422.376 Conditions of the waiver.

A waiver granted under this section is subject to the following conditions:

(a) *Limitation to State.* The waiver is effective only for the particular State for which it is granted and does not apply to any other State. For each State in which the organization wishes to operate without a State license, it must submit a waiver request and receive a waiver.

(b) *Limitation to 36-month period.* The waiver is effective for 36 months or through the end of the calendar year in which the 36 month period ends unless it is revoked based on paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Mid-period revocation.* During the waiver period (set forth in paragraph (b) of this section), the waiver is automatically revoked upon—

(1) Termination of the MA contract;

(2) The organization's compliance with the State licensure requirement of section 1855(a)(1) of the Act; or

(3) The organization's failure to comply with § 422.378.

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§ 422.378 Relationship to State law.

(a) *Preemption of State law.* Any provisions of State law that relate to the licensing of the organization and that prohibit the organization from providing coverage under a contract as specified in this subpart, are superseded.

(b) *Consumer protection and quality standards.* (1) A waiver of State licensure granted under this subpart is conditioned upon the organization's compliance with all State consumer protection and quality standards that—

(i) Would apply to the organization if it were licensed under State law;

(ii) Generally apply to other MA organizations and plans in the State; and

(iii) Are consistent with the standards established under this part.

(2) The standards specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section do not include any standard preempted under section 1856(b)(3)(B) of the Act.

(c) *Incorporation into contract.* In contracting with an organization that has a waiver of State licensure, CMS incorporates into the contract the requirements specified in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) *Enforcement.* CMS may enter into an agreement with a State for the State to monitor and enforce compliance with the requirements specified in paragraph (b) of this section by an organization that has obtained a waiver under this subpart.

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§ 422.380 Solvency standards.

General rule. A PSO or the legal entity of which the PSO is a component that has been granted a waiver under § 422.370 must have a fiscally sound operation that meets the requirements of §§ 422.382 through 422.390.

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