

of a PSO's M+C contract, other means of funding projected losses, but only in a combination or sequence that HCFA considers appropriate.

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§ 422.386 Liquidity.

(a) A PSO must have sufficient cash flow to meet its financial obligations as they become due and payable.

(b) To determine whether the PSO meets the requirement in paragraph (a) of this section, HCFA will examine the following—

(1) The PSO's timeliness in meeting current obligations;

(2) The extent to which the PSO's current ratio of assets to liabilities is maintained at 1:1 including whether there is a declining trend in the current ratio over time; and

(3) The availability of outside financial resources to the PSO.

(c) If HCFA determines that a PSO fails to meet the requirement in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, HCFA will require the PSO to initiate corrective action and pay all overdue obligations.

(d) If HCFA determines that a PSO fails to meet the requirement of paragraph (b)(2) of this section, HCFA will require the PSO to initiate corrective action to—

(1) Change the distribution of its assets;

(2) Reduce its liabilities; or

(3) Make alternative arrangements to secure additional funding to restore the PSO's current ratio to 1:1.

(e) If HCFA determines that a PSO fails to meet the requirement of paragraph (b)(3) of this section, HCFA will require the PSO to obtain funding from alternative financial resources.

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§ 422.388 Deposits.

(a) *Insolvency deposit.* (1) At the time of application, an organization must deposit \$100,000 in cash or securities (or any combination thereof) into an account in a manner that is acceptable to HCFA.

(2) The deposit must be restricted to use in the event of insolvency to help assure continuation of services or pay

costs associated with receivership or liquidation.

(3) At the time of the PSO's application for an M+C contract and, thereafter, upon HCFA's request, a PSO must provide HCFA with proof of the insolvency deposit, such proof to be in a form that HCFA considers appropriate.

(b) *Uncovered expenditures deposit.* (1) If at any time uncovered expenditures exceed 10 percent of a PSO's total health care expenditures, then the PSO must place an uncovered expenditures deposit into an account with any organization or trustee that is acceptable to HCFA.

(2) The deposit must at all times have a fair market value of an amount that is 120 percent of the PSO's outstanding liability for uncovered expenditures for enrollees, including incurred, but not reported claims.

(3) The deposit must be calculated as of the first day of each month required and maintained for the remainder of each month required.

(4) If a PSO is not otherwise required to file a quarterly report, it must file a report within 45 days of the end of the calendar quarter with information sufficient to demonstrate compliance with this section.

(5) The deposit required under this section is restricted and in trust for HCFA's use to protect the interests of the PSO's Medicare enrollees and to pay the costs associated with administering the insolvency. It may be used only as provided under this section.

(c) A PSO may use the deposits required under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section to satisfy the PSO's minimum net worth amount required under § 422.382(a) and (b).

(d) All income from the deposits or trust accounts required under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, are considered assets of the PSO. Upon HCFA's approval, the income from the deposits may be withdrawn.

(e) On prior written approval from HCFA, a PSO that has made a deposit under paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section, may withdraw that deposit or any part thereof if—

(1) A substitute deposit of cash or securities of equal amount and value is made;

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(2) The fair market value exceeds the amount of the required deposit; or

(3) The required deposit under paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section is reduced or eliminated.

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§ 422.390 Guarantees.

(a) *General policy.* A PSO, or the legal entity of which the PSO is a component, may apply to HCFA to use the financial resources of a guarantor for the purpose of meeting the requirements in § 422.384. HCFA has the discretion to approve or deny approval of the use of a guarantor.

(b) *Request to use a guarantor.* To apply to use the financial resources of a guarantor, a PSO must submit to HCFA—

(1) Documentation that the guarantor meets the requirements for a guarantor under paragraph (c) of this section; and

(2) The guarantor's independently audited financial statements for the current year-to-date and for the two most recent fiscal years. The financial statements must include the guarantor's balance sheets, profit and loss statements, and cash flow statements.

(c) *Requirements for guarantor.* To serve as a guarantor, an organization must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be a legal entity authorized to conduct business within a State of the United States.

(2) Not be under Federal or State bankruptcy or rehabilitation proceedings.

(3) Have a net worth (not including other guarantees, intangibles and restricted reserves) equal to three times the amount of the PSO guarantee.

(4) If the guarantor is regulated by a State insurance commissioner, or other State official with authority for risk-bearing entities, it must meet the net worth requirement in § 422.390(c)(3) with all guarantees and all investments in and loans to organizations covered by guarantees excluded from its assets.

(5) If the guarantor is not regulated by a State insurance commissioner, or other similar State official it must meet the net worth requirement in § 422.390(c)(3) with all guarantees and all investments in and loans to organi-

zations covered by a guarantee and to related parties (subsidiaries and affiliates) excluded from its assets.

(d) *Guarantee document.* If the guarantee request is approved, a PSO must submit to HCFA a written guarantee document signed by an appropriate authority of the guarantor. The guarantee document must—

(1) State the financial obligation covered by the guarantee;

(2) Agree to—

(i) Unconditionally fulfill the financial obligation covered by the guarantee; and

(ii) Not subordinate the guarantee to any other claim on the resources of the guarantor;

(3) Declare that the guarantor must act on a timely basis, in any case not more than 5 business days, to satisfy the financial obligation covered by the guarantee; and

(4) Meet other conditions as HCFA may establish from time to time.

(e) *Reporting requirement.* A PSO must submit to HCFA the current internal financial statements and annual audited financial statements of the guarantor according to the schedule, manner, and form that HCFA requests.

(f) *Modification, substitution, and termination of a guarantee.* A PSO cannot modify, substitute or terminate a guarantee unless the PSO—

(1) Requests HCFA's approval at least 90 days before the proposed effective date of the modification, substitution, or termination;

(2) Demonstrates to HCFA's satisfaction that the modification, substitution, or termination will not result in insolvency of the PSO; and

(3) Demonstrates how the PSO will meet the requirements of this section.

(g) *Nullification.* If at any time the guarantor or the guarantee ceases to meet the requirements of this section, HCFA will notify the PSO that it ceases to recognize the guarantee document. In the event of this nullification, a PSO must—

(1) Meet the applicable requirements of this section within 15 business days; and

(2) If required by HCFA, meet a portion of the applicable requirements in