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## **PACE Readiness Review Change**

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We have incorporated a change into the Readiness Review process for non-operational PACE Organizations to reduce the undue financial burden that potentially would occur. We have often heard from sites and states that the requirement of having specific (Interdisciplinary Team) staff either in place, or under a letter of intent to be employed was unnecessarily burdensome due to the potential time delay between the Readiness Review and the beginning of operations.

Therefore, we have revised our policy and will now permit required staff to be hired up until the PACE Organization becomes operational (or begins to enroll participants). We have amended the State Assurance page in the provider application (which should be on the web soon) requiring the State Administering Agency to verify the hiring of required staff prior to becoming operational. No further documentation will be required of the State. The Readiness Review tool has also been revised to reflect this change in Section 460.64 under Personnel Qualifications. This revised tool will also be posted on the web.

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