SECTION 126 APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS

The electronic application intake system, Medicare Electronic Application Request Information System (MEARIS™), is available for Section 126 application submissions, with application submissions for fiscal year 2023 due no later than March 31, 2022. The Section 126 application can be accessed at: https://mearis.cms.gov/public/home.

CMS will only accept Section 126 applications submitted via MEARIS™. Applications submitted through any other method will not be considered. Within MEARIS™, we have built in several resources to support applicants:

- Please refer to the “Resources” section for guidance regarding the application submission process at: https://mearis.cms.gov/public/resources.
- Technical support is available under “Useful Links” at the bottom of the MEARIS™.
- Application related questions can be submitted to CMS using the form available under “Contact” at: https://mearis.cms.gov/public/resources.
- The time required for application submission, including the time needed to gather relevant information as well as to complete the form, is estimated to be roughly around 8 hours per submission. Applicants are, therefore, encouraged to start in advance of the due date to ensure adequate time for submission.

Application submission through MEARIS™ will not only help CMS track applications and streamline the review process, but it will also create efficiencies for applicants when compared to a paper submission process.