§ 460.74 Infection control.

(a) Standard procedures. The PACE organization must follow accepted policies and standard procedures with respect to infection control, including at least the standard precautions developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(b) Infection control plan. The PACE organization must establish, implement, and maintain a documented infection control plan that meets the following requirements:

(1) Ensures a safe and sanitary environment.

(2) Prevents and controls the transmission of disease and infection.

(c) Contents of infection control plan. The infection control plan must include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Procedures to identify, investigate, control, and prevent infections in every PACE center and in each participant’s place of residence.

(2) Procedures to record any incidents of infection.

(3) Procedures to analyze the incidents of infection to identify trends and develop corrective actions related to the reduction of future incidents.

§ 460.76 Transportation services.

(a) Safety, accessibility, and equipment. A PACE organization’s transportation services must be safe, accessible, and equipped to meet the needs of the participant population.

(b) Maintenance of vehicles. (1) If the PACE organization owns, rents, or leases transportation vehicles, it must maintain these vehicles in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

(2) If a contractor provides transportation services, the PACE organization must ensure that the vehicles are maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

(c) Communication with PACE center. The PACE organization must ensure that transportation vehicles are equipped to communicate with the PACE center.

(d) Training. The PACE organization must train all transportation personnel (employees and contractors) in the following:

(1) Managing the special needs of participants.

(2) Handling emergency situations.

(e) Changes in care plan. As part of the interdisciplinary team process, PACE organization staff (employees and contractors) must communicate relevant changes in a participant’s care plan to transportation personnel.

§ 460.78 Dietary services.

(a) Meal requirements. (1) Except as specified in paragraphs (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section, the PACE organization must ensure, through the assessment and care planning process, that each participant receives nourishing, palatable, well-balanced meals that meet the participant’s daily nutritional and special dietary needs. Each meal must meet the following requirements:

(i) Be prepared by methods that conserve nutritive value, flavor, and appearance.

(ii) Be prepared in a form designed to meet individual needs.

(iii) Be prepared and served at the proper temperature.

(2) The PACE organization must provide substitute foods or nutritional