§ 170.505 Correspondence.

(a) Correspondence and communication with the National Coordinator shall be conducted by e-mail, unless otherwise necessary. The official date of receipt of any e-mail between the National Coordinator and an accreditation organization requesting ONC–AA status, the ONC–AA, an applicant for ONC–ACB status, or an ONC–ACB is the date on which the e-mail was sent.

(b) Submission requirement. To request reconsideration, an accreditation organization is required to submit to the National Coordinator, within 15 days of receipt of a denial notice, a written statement with supporting documentation contesting the decision to deny its request for ONC–AA status. The submission must demonstrate that clear, factual errors were made in the review of its request for ONC–AA status and that the accreditation organization would have been selected as the ONC–AA pursuant to §170.503(c) if those errors had been corrected. If the National Coordinator does not receive an accreditation organization’s submission within the specified timeframe, then its request for reconsideration may be denied.

(c) Review of submissions. The National Coordinator is permitted up to 30 days to review all timely submissions that were received and determine whether an accreditation organization has met the standard specified in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) Decision.

(1) If the National Coordinator determines that an accreditation organization has met the standard specified in paragraph (b) of this section, then that organization will be approved as the ONC–AA on a final basis. All other accreditation organizations will be notified that their requests for reconsideration have been denied.

(2) Final decision. A reconsideration decision issued by the National Coordinator is final and not subject to further review.