

## **150.1 – General Requirements**

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MA organizations offering PFFS plans must meet the requirement that MA plans have an ongoing quality improvement program. As part of its ongoing quality improvement program, a PFFS must:

- Have chronic care improvement programs;
- Conduct quality improvement projects on an annual basis; and
- Encourage its providers to participate in CMS and HHS quality improvement initiatives. PFFS plans are required to meet this requirement only for their direct-contracting providers (i.e., providers who have a signed contract with the plan).

In order to implement the quality improvement program requirements, MA organizations should follow guidance in [Chapter 5](#) of this manual and seek assistance from State Quality Improvement Organizations as well as CMS.