I. Project Description

A. From Applicants
II. Profile of the Applicants

Relevant criteria for inclusion in this section are specific to the determination that the applicant is fit, willing and able to provide the proposed services at the proper standard of care as demonstrated by, among other factors, whether the quality of any health care provided in the past by the applicant or a related party under the applicant's control meets industry standards;

A. From Applicants
III. Financial Capacity

III. Financial Capability of Applicants and Financial Impact of Project

The Applicants must demonstrate that the likely benefits resulting from the agreement outweigh any disadvantages attributable to a reduction in competition likely to result from the agreement. In this section the applicant has the burden to show that gains in the cost efficiency of services provided by the hospitals or others outweigh the extent of any disadvantages attributable to reduction in competition among covered entities or other persons furnishing goods or services to, or in competition with, covered entities that is likely to result directly or indirectly from the cooperative agreement;

A. From Applicant
IV. Public Need

The Applicants must demonstrate that the likely benefits resulting from the agreement outweigh any disadvantages attributable to a reduction in competition likely to result from the agreement. In this section, the applicant has the burden to show that the Preservation of hospitals or health care providers and related facilities in geographical proximity to the communities traditionally served by those facilities outweighs the extent of any likely adverse impact on patients or clients in the availability of health care services;

A. From Applicant
V. Orderly and Economic Development

The Applicants must demonstrate that the likely benefits resulting from the agreement outweigh any disadvantages attributable to a reduction in competition likely to result from the agreement. In this section, the applicant has the burden to show that the avoidance of duplication of hospital or other health care resources outweighs the availability of arrangements that are less restrictive to competition and achieve the same benefits or a more favorable balance of benefits over disadvantages attributable to any reduction in competition likely to result from the agreement.

A. From Applicant
VI. Educational Opportunities

The Applicants must demonstrate that the likely benefits resulting from the agreement outweigh any disadvantages attributable to a reduction in competition likely to result from the agreement. In this section, the applicant has the burden to show that the continuation or establishment of needed educational programs for health care providers outweighs the extent of any likely adverse impact on the access of persons enrolled in in-state educational programs for health professions to existing or future clinical training programs

A. From Applicant
VII. Outcomes and Community Impact

The Applicants must demonstrate that the likely benefits resulting from the agreement outweigh any disadvantages attributable to a reduction in competition likely to result from the agreement. In this section, the applicant has the burden to show that the enhancement of the quality of care provided to citizens of the State outweighs the extent of any likely adverse impact on patients or clients in the quality of health care services.

A. From Applicant
VIII. Service Utilization

The Applicants must demonstrate that the likely benefits resulting from the agreement outweigh any disadvantages attributable to a reduction in competition likely to result from the agreement. In this section, the applicant has the burden to show that improvements in the utilization of hospital or other health care resources and equipment outweighs the extent of any likely adverse impact on patients or clients in the availability of health care services;

A. From Applicant
IX. Costs of Services

The Applicants must demonstrate that the likely benefits resulting from the agreement outweigh any disadvantages attributable to a reduction in competition likely to result from the agreement. In this section, the applicant has the burden to show that the Impact of reduction in costs for services outweighs the extent of any likely adverse impact on patients or clients in the price of health care services.

A. **From Applicant**
X. Timely Notice

A. From Applicant