Criteria to join FMS Membership Organization

1. The FMS provider has a current contract in good standing* with a participant-directed program.

2. The FMS provider serves at least one program with either employer authority, budget authority, or both.

3. The FMS provider has served at least one participant-directed program for at least two full calendar years and one full tax year.

4. If the prospective member is a Fiscal/Employer Agent, they file and deposit Federal taxes in the aggregate on behalf of program participants using a second Employer Identification Number.

5. If the FMS provider provides Agency with Choice (AwC) services, the AwC meets all of the following 5 components of a participant-directed AwC listed below.

*“Good standing” will be determined based on a conversation with the contract administrator for a participant direction program provided by the applicant. NRCPDS will inquire with contract administrator about FMS provider’s performance and, based on the information provided, determine if FMS provider is in good standing.

Required Components of a Participant-Directed Agency with Choice

1. The agency acts as the joint employer of workers referred by the participant.

2. The participant retains the right to recruit, select, train, supervise, and dismiss his/her workers.

3. The agency serves as the employer for tax filing and depositing purposes.

4. The agency manages either each participant’s budget or each participant’s service authorization on an individual basis.

5. An AwC FMS provider obtains professional liability insurance, general liability insurance, and workers’ compensation policies to cover workers where applicable.