

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Referral Process

A Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Service

The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a managed care program for older adults. This program features a comprehensive service delivery system, and integrated Medicare and Medicaid financing. PACE can provide the entire continuum of care and services to seniors with chronic care needs while maintaining their independence in their homes for as long as safely possible. Medical care is provided by an Inter-Disciplinary Team (IDT) to case manage services provided or arranged by the PACE organization for each participant.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR PACE?

To be eligible for PACE, the individual must:

- Quality for Long-Term Care Medicaid
- Be 55 years of age or older
- Live in a PACE program service area
- Be determined by a physician to need Nursing Facility Level of Care
- Be able to live in a community setting when enrolled without jeopardizing health or safety

HOW DO I APPLY FOR PACE?

- Contact the PACE organization in your area and the DSS in the county where the individual resides and apply for Medicaid.
- A referral can be made to the PACE program that has a service area covering the zip code where the beneficiary resides
- The program will assess the individual and facilitate the enrollment process for those determined eligible.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Phone Number 919-855-4340

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Medicaid recipients and individuals who are dually eligible may request PACE services through their local DSS
- All services are provided directly by the program and through its provider network.
- PACE will only pay for services which have been pre-approved by the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT)
- Individuals enrolled in PACE who move outside the service area will no longer be eligible for PACE services unless the move is to another program's service area.
- Only a small percentage of PACE participants reside in a nursing facility, even though *all* must be certified to need nursing facility level of care. If a PACE recipient needs nursing facility care, as determined by the IDT's assessments, the PACE program will pay for it and continue to coordinate the individuals care with the facility.
- A participant's PACE enrollment is effective the first day of the calendar month following the date the PACE organization received the signed enrollment agreement.
- PACE IDT members will perform periodic assessments while the individual is in the nursing facility.

