

Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

Background:

- The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 established the PACE model for both Medicaid and Medicare programs.
- PACE providers receive a set amount of money on a monthly basis for each eligible Medicare and Medicaid enrollee to provide patient-centered and coordinated care to frail elderly individuals living in the community.
- PACE has been approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as an evidenced based model of care.

What is PACE?

PACE programs provide a comprehensive service delivery system which includes all needed preventive, primary, acute and long term care services so that individuals can continue living in the community. The PACE program becomes the sole source of services for Medicare and Medicaid eligible enrollees. For most participants, the comprehensive service package permits them to continue living at home while receiving services. Providers assume full financial risk for participants' care without limits on amount, duration, or scope of services.

Who Can Participate?

Participants must:

- Be a Medicare or Medicaid enrollee who is age 55 or older,
- Be eligible for nursing home level of care, and
- Live in a PACE service area.

PACE Services:

The emphasis of the PACE program is on enabling participants to remain in their community and enhancing their quality of life. A team of health care professionals from different disciplines assesses each participant's needs, develops a care plan, and delivers all services (including acute care and nursing facility services if necessary). Minimum services that must be provided in the PACE center include primary care services, social services, restorative therapies, personal care and supportive services, nutritional counseling, recreational therapy, and meals. The services are provided primarily in an adult health center, supplemented by in-home and referral services in accordance with a participant's needs. PACE is a voluntary program.

Location:

The Northland Healthcare Alliance has developed two PACE organizations in North Dakota. They are located in Bismarck and Dickinson. The Bismarck PACE program is able to serve 150 enrollees and Dickinson is able to serve 25 enrollees.

Contact Information:

For information about PACE and how to enroll into the program, contact Northland PACE:

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- Dickinson 701-456-7387
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