



Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in Virginia

An overview of PACE for potential
participants and their families



What Is PACE?

- PACE is an integrated system of care for individuals ages 55+ who meet the following criteria:
 - Reside within a PACE service area,
 - Are certified as meeting the functional need for nursing facility level of care, and
 - Are able to reside safely in the community with the help of PACE services.



PACE Services Include:

- Primary Care
- Respite Care
- Hospital Care
- Medical Specialty Services
- Prescription Medications
- Emergency Services
- Home Care
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Adult Day Care
- Dentistry
- Social Services
- Transportation
- Lab/X-ray Services
- Nursing Facility Care
- End-of-Life Care



PACE also includes all other services determined necessary by your team of healthcare professionals to improve and maintain your overall health.

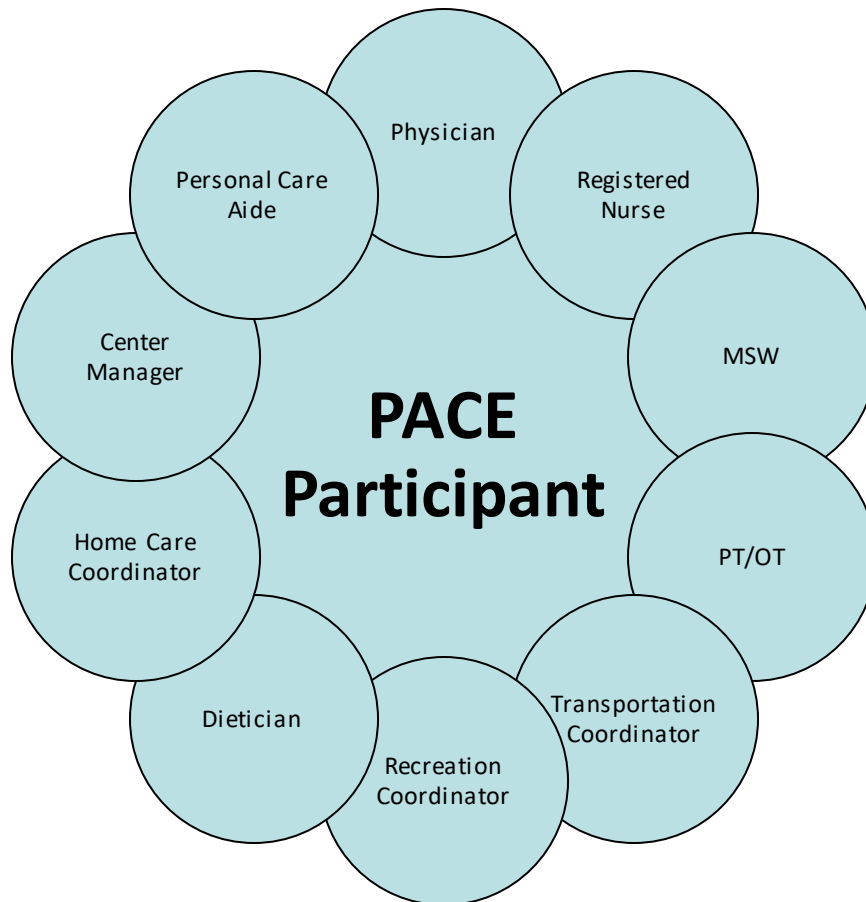


In PACE, the focus is on YOU

- PACE provides you with a team of healthcare professionals who work together to provide coordinated, person-centered care.
 - The team is focused on getting to know you as an individual and gearing care toward your personal goals and preferences.
 - You and your family are encouraged to participate with the team in the development and updating of your care goals and plan of care.



The PACE Team Includes:



Each of these team members work together to ensure you receive comprehensive healthcare services that meet your individual needs and preferences.

Although most services are provided by the staff at the PACE center, PACE contracts with many specialists and community providers. These community partnerships ensure you have access to all the care you need.



PACE Covers Prescription Medications

- PACE will provide your Medicare Part D covered medications, as well as all other necessary medications.
 - Keep in mind, if you join PACE, you do not need to join a separate Medicare Part D plan. If you do, your PACE benefits will be lost.



PACE Provides Care in the Community

- One of the goals of PACE is to provide you with the assistance you need to remain residing within the community, in your own home.
- This is accomplished by:
 - Family support through respite care, support groups, and caregiver training,
 - Home health care assistance, as necessary, and
 - Adult Day Center services available throughout the week at the PACE center.



Nursing Facility Care

- Sometimes a higher level of care is necessary, either on a temporary or long term basis, for persons already enrolled in PACE. In such cases, PACE will cover the cost of nursing facility care.
 - However, note that, at any given time, only 7% of individuals enrolled in PACE reside within a nursing facility – the focus is on providing preventive services to assist you in remaining safely in the community as long as possible.



PACE Transportation

- PACE provides all medically necessary transportation to the PACE center for activities or medical appointments.
 - Transportation to appointments within the community may also be provided.



How Much Does PACE Cost?

- If you qualify for Medicare, all Medicare-covered services are paid for by Medicare.
- If you qualify for Medicaid, you will either have a small monthly payment, or no payment at all for the long-term care portion of the PACE benefit.
- If you don't qualify for Medicaid, you will be charged a monthly premium to cover the long-term care portion of the PACE benefit and a premium for Medicare Part D Medications.
- In PACE there is never a deductible or copayment for any medication, service, or care approved by the PACE team.



Excluded Services

- PACE services do not include:
 - Services not authorized by your care team,
 - Private hospital rooms, private duty nursing in a facility, telephone charges, and/or television rentals,
 - Cosmetic surgery, unless for reconstruction or improved functioning of a body part due to accident or cancer,
 - Experimental medical, surgical, or other health procedures, or
 - Services furnished outside of the United States.



In Virginia...

...PACE programs have been in operation since 2007,

...there are currently 6 PACE organizations, with a total of 13 individual PACE sites, serving over 1,600 participants, and

...PACE programs are monitored by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).



PACE in Virginia: Coverage Area

There are 13 PACE sites across the Commonwealth located in:

- Alexandria
- Big Stone Gap
- Cedar Bluff
- Charlottesville
- Farmville
- Gretna
- Lynchburg
- Marion
- Newport News
- Norfolk
- Portsmouth
- Richmond
- Salem



Starting the Enrollment Process

1. Visit the DMAS PACE site at <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-members/for-adults/aged-blind-or-disabled/pace/> where you can enter your zip code into a text box to determine whether you reside in a PACE service area.
2. If you reside within a PACE service area, contact your area's PACE program to obtain more information and/or to tour the site. They can also walk you through the enrollment process and steps to take prior to enrollment.
3. In order to enroll in PACE, one must meet the functional need for nursing facility level of care. This is determined by a Long-Term Services and Supports screening. This must be completed prior to your enrollment into a PACE program and can be scheduled by calling your local Department of Social Services.



For more information on PACE...

- Visit the DMAS PACE webpage
<https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-members/for-adults/aged-blind-or-disabled/pace/>
- Visit the Medicare PACE webpage at
www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/get-help-paying-costs/pace
- Visit the Virginia PACE Alliance webpage at
www.vapacealliance.org
- Visit the National PACE Association at www.npaonline.org