

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much does PACE cost?

If an individual is eligible for Medicaid and Medicare, all PACE services are covered at no additional cost. Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have a share-of-cost remain responsible for their individual share-of-cost. PACE programs also accept Medicaid-only and private-pay individuals.

How do PACE participants get to the PACE Center and what services are provided there?

Transportation is provided by the PACE program. A specially equipped van picks our PACE participants up at home and brings them to the PACE Center for the day. They may get a medical clinic check-up, physical and rehabilitative therapy, or bathing services, depending on their needs. They will get a hot meal, plus social and recreational activities with other participants at the PACE Center.

Do PACE participants receive in-home services?

Those who are eligible will receive in-home care services. These services must be necessary and approved by the inter-disciplinary team, including but not limited to:

- Personal care (bathing, grooming, dressing)
- Light housekeeping

Can individuals who belong to a Medicare HMO also enroll in PACE for long-term care services?

No. They can only enroll in one Medicare health plan. PACE health plans are both Medicare and long-term care providers. By enrolling in a PACE health plan they will be automatically disenrolled from their current Medicare/HMO plan.

What about a PACE participant's personal doctors?

PACE participants must receive all their care from PACE approved doctors and providers and are personally responsible for any unauthorized or out-of-network services. PACE participants have medical care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. PACE programs contract with many different medical specialists and provide transportation to and from medical appointments.

The goal of the PACE program is to provide a plan of care tailored to each participant's individual needs. Each PACE program coordinates medical care, including but not limited to: hearing needs, foot and eye care, medications, rehabilitative therapy, nutrition, dental, recreational activities, home care, and transportation.

PACE program participants receive all health care services that are recommended by the inter-disciplinary team, which is made up of a center manager; physician; clinic and home care nurses; social worker; physical, occupational, speech, and recreational therapists; dietitian; health care aides; and transportation staff.

What happens if a PACE participant needs nursing home care?

The goal of PACE is to keep participants out of a nursing home as long as possible. If at some point it is in the best interest of the participant to receive care in a nursing home, supervision of the participant continues by the interdisciplinary team.

