

The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a federal program under Medicare and Medicaid that helps individuals aged 55 and older who need a nursing home level of care to meet their health care needs in the community instead of going to a nursing home or other care facility.¹

Here are some key aspects of the PACE program:

- **Comprehensive Care: PACE provides a wide range of medical and social services designed to keep participants in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.²**
- **Interdisciplinary Team: Each participant has an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals who work together to coordinate their care.³**
- **All-Inclusive Services: PACE covers all Medicare and Medicaid-covered care and services, plus anything else the PACE team determines is medically necessary to improve and maintain the participant's health.⁴ This can include prescription drugs and various medical services.⁵**
- **Community Focus: The goal is to enable frail, community-dwelling elderly individuals to remain in their communities rather than receive care in a nursing home.**
- **Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible for PACE, individuals generally must:**
 - **Be at least 55 years old.**
 - **Live in the service area of a PACE organization.**
 - **Need a nursing home-level of care (as certified by their state).**
 - **Be able to live safely in the community with help from PACE.**
- **Dual Eligibility: Most PACE participants are dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. For these individuals, PACE becomes their sole source of both Medicare and Medicaid benefits.**
- **Cost: The cost of PACE varies. If you have Medicaid, you generally won't pay a monthly premium for the long-term care portion of the PACE benefit. If you don't qualify for Medicaid but have Medicare, you will likely pay a monthly premium.**

In summary, PACE is designed to provide comprehensive, coordinated care to older adults with significant health needs, allowing them to remain living in their communities with the support they need. It integrates medical, social, and long-term care services.