

# PACE - Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

#### What is PACE?

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) gives you all of the health care services you need, including check-ups, home health, and long-term care. The goal is for you to stay at home where you want to be for as long as possible. PACE is there for you 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

### What services can you get from PACE?

Some of the services you can get from PACE are:

- Doctor Visits
- Help at home to care for yourself (bathing, dressing, fixing meals, etc.)
- Nutritional Counseling
- Ride to the PACE center and medical appointments
- Taking Medicine
- Adult Day Health Care
- Home Health Care
- Nursing Facility Care
- Hospital Stays
- Emergency Care

- Respite Care and Caregiver Education
- Medical Supplies such as prosthetics, walkers, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, bed pads, etc. Repair and maintenance of these items are also covered.
- Social Work Services
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy
- Lab Work, X-Rays and other Medical Tests
- All other care and services you may need to be as healthy as possible.



## **How is PACE paid?**

- If you only get Medicaid, there is no cost to you. Medicaid will pay PACE for your care and services.
- If you get Medicaid and Medicare, there is no cost to you. Both Medicare and Medicaid will pay PACE for your care.
- If you only get Medicare, Medicare will pay for part of your care, and you will pay the other part.
- PACE Organizations can also accept private pay.

## **Am I eligible for PACE?**

- 1. You **MUST** be **55** years old or older.
- 2. You **MUST** live in a PACE service area:
  - Alexandria Area Parishes: Rapides and Avoyelles
  - Baton Rouge Area Parishes: East Baton Rouge (EBR) or West Baton Rouge (WBR)
  - Lafayette Area Zip Codes: 70501, 70503, 70506, 70507, 70508, 70517, 70518, 70520, 70529, 70578, 70583, 70584 or 70592
  - New Orleans Area Zip Codes: 70001, 70002, 70003, 70005, 70006, 70032, 70037, 70043, 70053, 70056, 70058, 70062, 70065, 70067, 70072, 70075, 70092, 70094, 70112, 70113, 70114, 70115, 70116, 70117, 70118, 70119, 70121, 70122, 70123, 70124, 70125, 70126, 70127, 70128, 70129, 70130, and 70131
- 3. You **MUST** meet nursing home level of care.
- 4. When you enroll in PACE, you **MUST** be able to live safely in the community.

#### **Medicaid Information**

You **do not** have to be eligible for Medicaid to enroll in PACE. PACE staff will always help you apply for Medicaid before you decide to enroll.

For Medicaid to pay PACE for your care, you will have to meet the following:

- If you are single, your individual income may be no more than \$2,901 per month, and your total resources must be \$2,000 or less.
- If you are a couple, your income may be no more than \$5,802 per month, and your total resources must be \$3,000 or less (when both spouses receive services).
- Married couples may have up to \$157,920 in resources, as long as one spouse at home DOES
  NOT receive long-term care services.

#### Can I leave PACE?

Yes, you can leave PACE and return to your regular benefits in Medicare and Medicaid, at any time. But, your last day with PACE will always be the last day of the month that you decide to leave.



# For More Information on PACE, please call:

- PACE Greater New Orleans at 504-945-1531
- PACE Baton Rouge at 225-490-0604
- PACE Lafayette at 337-470-4500
- PACE Alexandria at 318-206-1020

