

Service Program Feature

Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly



National Program Snapshot

Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a services program that has been a national model since the early 1970s. There are 106 PACE programs in 31 states across the US. The program provides a comprehensive set of social and medical services to seniors that allows them to continue living in their own homes for as long as possible and not relocate to a skilled nursing facility. The program is funded through Medicare and Medicaid.

The average PACE participant is 80 years old and has 7.9 medical conditions. 49% of participants have dementia, yet more than 90% of participants are able to continue living in their communities.

Services Provided

- **Access:** transportation, meals
- **Health:** primary doctors, medical specialists, nursing care, medications and medication management, physical and occupational therapy, nutrition counseling
- **In-home assistance:** cleaning, laundry, shopping
- **Community:** day care, recreational activities

Eligibility

55 years or older and residing in a PACE service area, certified to require nursing home care as designated by the state of residency, can live safely in their homes with the help of PACE

Community Highlight

Care Management Corporation, New York

Located in the Bronx, NY, the Comprehensive Care Management Corporation is the largest PACE provider in the United States. The program provides the following service in the New York metropolitan area:

- For each participant, an interdisciplinary team that coordinates care across different settings
- Pays for health coverage like an H.M.O
- Highly personalized and customizable care based on participant's medical history, needs and goals
- Access to primary care physicians, specialists and home health aides and 24/7 medical assistance.
- Transportation services
- Recreation, and meals at the day center

Participants are ranked by priority: Level 1 members must be accompanied by an aide at their home, Level 2 members require assistance with shopping, sorting medications, and other basic needs, Level 3 members are able to get by alone or can contact neighbors or family for additional support.

Preventive and long-term care are emphasized, with a focus on maintaining member health. Potential health issues are dealt with early before they develop into more complicated and costly problems.