

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY (PACE) STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA)

Pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to modify the Medicaid State Plan to include the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) effective January 1, 2025.

PACE is a Medicaid service delivery model that provides comprehensive medical and social services to community-dwelling elderly individuals who meet a nursing facility level of care. PACE is a program dually funded under Medicare and Medicaid. PACE is an optional Medicaid benefit that members choose to elect. Once the member elects PACE, the PACE program becomes the sole source of Medicaid and Medicare services for PACE participants.

Most of the individuals who participate in PACE are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid benefits. An interdisciplinary team of health professionals provides PACE participants with coordinated care. For most participants, the comprehensive service package enables them to remain in the community rather than receive care in a skilled nursing facility. Financing for the program is capped, which allows providers to deliver all services participants need rather than only those reimbursable under Medicare and Medicaid fee-for-service plans.

PACE organizations are non-profit, private, or public entities primarily engaged in providing PACE health care services. PACE organizations are chosen via competitive Request for Proposal (RFPs) by proposed service area.

PACE organizations must have the following:

- a governing board that includes community representation;
- a physical site that is 10,000-square feet or larger to provide adult day services;
- a defined service area;
- the ability to provide the complete service package regardless of frequency or duration of services;
- safeguards against conflict of interest;
- demonstrated fiscal soundness.

PACE is expected to provide an overall cost savings to DCH. The monthly per member per month (PMPM) charge per actuarial analysis is less than what it would cost to serve the members in a skilled nursing facility or similar setting.

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **November 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479 at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled public hearing to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **November 25, 2024**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov.

If the proposed changes are presented to the Board for final action, relevant comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board. The Board expects to vote on the proposed changes

at the Board meeting to be held on **December 12, 2024** at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health unless withdrawn or withheld by the Department for further review.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024
Russel Carlson, Commissioner