

How PACE works

Individuals enroll in PACE through the PACE organization serving the county where they live. The PACE organization is responsible for coordinating and delivering all care and support needed for an individual to live independently at home. This includes preventive and primary care, acute medical care needs, personal care, therapeutic services, and social services.

The PACE organization utilizes an interdisciplinary team (IDT) to assess the individual, develop a care plan, conduct periodic reassessments, and to monitor, note, and discuss any changes in the individual's condition or care needs. The IDT includes professionals providing care or services to the individual. These professionals may include a primary care provider, nurse, therapists, social worker, home care coordinator, personal care attendant, dietitian, or the PACE center manager.

Services may be provided at the PACE organization center, other health care facilities, or in-home. If an individual needs specialty care or a service the PACE organization does not offer, the PACE organization is responsible for contracting with other providers who can meet the need.

For questions about PACE, contact DAIL

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PACE Provider Information

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PACE Program Information

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Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly *Information for Referring Providers*



Understanding Kentucky's Long-Term Services and Supports Options

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In 2022, the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) and the Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) began coverage for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). The introduction of PACE in Kentucky creates another option for aging individuals who meet nursing facility level of care and want to remain in a community setting.

Who is a Good Fit?

Individuals who want to remain at home but are at risk of nursing home placement due to medical conditions, age, or disabilities that require assistance with activities of daily living may benefit from PACE.

To qualify, an individual must:

- Be age 55 or older
- Meet nursing facility level of care per state regulation
- Be able to live safely in the community at the time of enrollment
- Live in an area covered by a PACE organization

Benefits

- **Simplicity:** Individuals get all health care needs met through a single provider
- **Improved Health Outcomes:** PACE participants experience fewer emergency room visits, hospitalizations, rehospitalizations, and nursing home admissions than non- PACE individuals.
- **Community Inclusion:** Individuals can continue living in the community where they built their lives.
- **Freedom of Choice:** Individuals have the option to receive care where they choose: at home or at the PACE center.
- **Quality of Life:** Individuals have enhanced autonomy and their family unit or existing support system is preserved.



PACE is currently available in more than a dozen counties and Kentucky is in the process of enrolling PACE organizations in most of the remaining counties. Check the PACE County Status Map at <https://bit.ly/KYPACECoverageMap> for the most up-to-date PACE availability.

Financial Eligibility

PACE organizations receive a monthly capitation payment per individual per month. These payments are pooled to cover all participants' service needs.

An individual's funding source varies based on their financial eligibility. PACE may be covered by Medicaid and Medicare (for dually eligible individuals), Medicaid only, Medicare, or by private pay. The majority of PACE participants are either dually eligible or are covered by Medicaid.

Referral and Application Process

If you have an individual who might be a good fit for PACE, refer them to the PACE organization in their area. The PACE organization will assist them with their application.

PACE is month-pure. This means a participant cannot begin services until the first of the month after their application is entered and approved. For example, an individual with a PACE application approved during the month of July can begin services on August 1.

Please note: Individuals cannot receive 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and PACE at the same time. Individuals enrolled in a 1915(c) HCBS waiver will be disenrolled on the day before their effective date in PACE.