



Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

PACE is a comprehensive health and social services program that provides and coordinates primary, preventative, acute and long-term care services for Arkansans 55 years of age or older who need nursing facility care and live in certain counties. Beneficiaries can receive PACE services in their own homes, inpatient facilities, or PACE centers.



Goal: To empower beneficiaries to live more independently

How Do Eligible Individuals Know if their Area is Covered by PACE?

Individuals eligible for PACE must live in an area served by a PACE program and be able to live in a community setting without risking their health or safety. PACE is available in the following counties:

- Northwest Arkansas:** Benton, Madison, Washington
- Northeast Arkansas:** Craighead, Cross, Greene, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, Randolph
- Central Arkansas:** Faulkner, Garland, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Pulaski, Saline

What are the Eligibility Requirements for PACE Services?

To receive services through PACE, applicants must meet non-medical and medical requirements

Non-Medical Requirements:

- Be 55 or older.
- Have a condition requiring a nursing home level of care as determined by the Office of Long-Term Care (i.e., Intermediate I-S, I-A, II-B, III-C).
- Be a resident of the State of Arkansas and reside in PACE program service delivery area.
- Social security enumeration required.

Medical Requirements:

PACE applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Applicant is unable to perform at least **one** of the three activities of daily living (ADL) of transferring and/or locomotion, eating, or toileting **without extensive assistance** from or total dependence upon another person.
- Applicant is unable to perform at least **two** of the three activities of daily living (ADL) of transferring and/or locomotion, eating, or toileting **without limited assistance** from another person.
- Have primary or secondary diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related dementia and is cognitively impaired.

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What Services are Provided through PACE?

PACE covers all Medicaid-covered benefits, all Medicare Parts A, B and D benefits, and any other services or supports that are medically necessary to maintain or improve the health status of PACE program participants. Example services include:

Medical Services:

- Primary care: Including physician and nursing services.
- Medical specialty services: Dentistry, gynecology, neurosurgery, cardiology, etc.
- Interdisciplinary assessment and treatment planning
- Diagnostic procedures: Laboratory tests, x-rays, etc.
- Acute inpatient care: Ambulance, semi-private room and board, emergency room care and treatment services.

Home Care Services:

- Physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology
- Personal care and supportive services
- Social work services
- Nutritional counseling; meals
- Nursing facility care: Physician and skilled nursing services, personal care, and custodial care and assistance.

Other:

- Prescription Services
- Transportation
- Durable medical equipment (e.g., wheelchairs, walkers.)

Who is Responsible for Administering PACE?

PACE is operated by the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS) under the administrative authority of the Division of Medical Services (DMS). The Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance (DPSQA) is responsible for certifying and monitoring PACE Organizations and providers.