



Policy: PA.5044
Title: **Infection and Exposure Control Plan**
Department: CalOptima Health PACE
Section: Not Applicable

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Applicable to: ☐ Medi-Cal
☐ OneCare
☒ PACE
☐ Administrative

I. PURPOSE

This policy outlines how the CalOptima Health Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) will eliminate or minimize PACE Participant and employee exposure to potentially infectious blood and other bodily fluids, as well as airborne pathogens, through use of the PACE Infection Control Manual and the Exposure Control Plan.

II. POLICY

1. CalOptima Health PACE will adopt and implement a PACE Infection Control Manual that will provide detailed information regarding Universal/Standard Precautions.
2. All PACE employees will use the Universal Standard Precautions when contact with blood or other bodily fluids is possible and/or inevitable.
3. Respiratory protection will be utilized when airborne infection is possible.
4. Any changes to the PACE Infection Control Manual will be generated by the PACE Infection Control Committee and approved by the PACE Quality Improvement Committee (PQIC).
5. Any novel and/or developing communicable infectious diseases (such as COVID-19) will follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, and PACE employees and Participants will be alerted to any changes in operations.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. CalOptima Health PACE shall establish, implement, and maintain a documented infection control plan that meets the following requirements:
 1. Ensures a safe and sanitary environment; and
 2. Prevents and controls the transmission of disease and infection.
- B. The PACE Infection Control Manual and Exposure Control Plan include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Procedures to identify, investigate, control, and prevent infections in the CalOptima Health PACE center and in each Participant's place of residence;
2. Procedures to record any incidents of infection;
3. Procedures to analyze the incidents of infection to identify trends and develop corrective actions related to the reduction of future incidents;
4. Infection Control Committee Practices;
5. Prevention of Disease Acquisition and Transmission;
6. Handling and Disposal of Wastes;
7. Sterilization and Disinfection; and
8. Reporting Communicable Diseases.

IV. ATTACHMENT(S)

- A. PACE Infection Control Manual
- B. PACE Infection Control Manual Appendix
- C. PACE Exposure Control Plan
- D. Communicable Disease Reporting Log

V. REFERENCE(S)

- A. California Medical Waste Management Act
- B. CalOptima Health PACE Program Agreement
- C. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)
- D. Title 17, California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.), Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1: Reportable Diseases and Conditions
- E. Title 22, California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.), §75010
- F. Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), §460.74

VI. REGULATORY AGENCY APPROVAL(S)

None to Date

VII. BOARD ACTION(S)

None to Date

VIII. REVISION HISTORY

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IX. GLOSSARY

Term	Definition
Participant	An individual enrolled in the CalOptima Health PACE program.
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)	PACE is a long-term comprehensive health care program that helps older adults to remain as independent as possible. PACE coordinates and provides all needed preventive, primary, acute and long-term care services so seniors can continue living in their community.
Universal/Standard Precautions	Procedures based on a risk assessment that make use of common sense practices and personal protective equipment use that protect healthcare providers from infection and prevent the spread of infection from patient to patient.