



Policy:	PA.5042
Title:	Safe Environment for Participants at the PACE Center
Department:	CalOptima Health PACE
Section:	Not Applicable

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I. PURPOSE

This policy outlines the precautions and measures taken to provide an appropriate and safe environment for Participants at the CalOptima Health Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Centers.

II. POLICY

- A. All CalOptima Health PACE Centers shall provide appropriate safety precautions for Participants at the PACE Center.
- B. CalOptima Health PACE does not permit Smoking, the use of tobacco products, or the use of Unregulated Nicotine Products on CalOptima Health PACE premises.
 - 1. Employees, contractors, interns, volunteers, and/or visitors on the CalOptima Health PACE Center premises are strictly prohibited from Smoking or using tobacco products.
 - a. CalOptima Health PACE Center premises include all areas of the CalOptima Health PACE Center, including patio spaces, CalOptima Health PACE transportation vehicles, and CalOptima Health PACE Center parking lots.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. The CalOptima Health PACE Center shall be designed, furnished, and equipped to protect Participants against hazards. Safety measures shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Fencing around pools (if any) and other hazardous areas;
 - 2. Nonslip material for use as rugs;
 - 3. Hand railings and adequate illumination of stairways, inclines, ramps, and open porches;
 - 4. Sturdy and safe furniture;
 - 5. Passageways and stairways kept free of obstruction;

6. Screens over fireplaces and open-faced heaters (if any);
 7. Provisions for the safety and guidance of Participants with visual problems;
 8. Call bell system in designated areas, such as in quiet rest areas and accessible to Participants from every bed in the CalOptima Health PACE Center;
 9. Wander Guard system to alert employees when Participants who pose a wander risk have traveled beyond designated thresholds of the CalOptima Health PACE Center, in accordance with CalOptima Health Policy PA.5030: Wander Risk and Missing Participants;
 10. Storage of all equipment and supplies in a manner to ensure Participant safety at all times; and
 11. Employee access to all Safety Data Sheets for any chemical, cleaning and medical supplies stored or used at the site.
- B. The CalOptima Health PACE Center Manager, or their designee, shall conduct periodic safety audits to ensure compliance and shall report any safety issues to the CalOptima Health Facilities Department for follow-up action.
 - C. The CalOptima Health PACE Center shall comply with the Adult Day Healthcare Center (ADHC) reporting requirements of the State of California for incidents and events involving Participants and their health and safety that occur at the CalOptima Health PACE Center, in accordance with CalOptima Health Policy PA.8001: Reporting of Events Involving Participant Health and Safety Occurring at the PACE Center.

IV. ATTACHMENT(S)

Not Applicable

V. REFERENCE(S)

- A. CalOptima Health Contract with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for PACE
- B. PACE Desk Reference: Material Safety Data Sheet Maintenance
- C. PACE Desk Reference: Oxygen Storage
- D. CalOptima Health Policy PA.5030: Wander Risk and Missing Participants
- E. CalOptima Health Policy PA.8001: Reporting of Events Involving Participant Health and Safety Occurring at the PACE Center
- F. Title 22, California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.), §78509
- G. Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), §1910.1200
- H. Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), §§460.62(a)(6), and 460.72(a)

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
PACE Center	The location designated by CalOptima Health PACE at which Participants shall receive PCP services.
Participant	An individual enrolled in the CalOptima Health PACE program.
Smoking	For purposes of this policy, the carrying or holding of any lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarettes of any kind, including electronic Smoking devices (e.g., e-cigarettes and/or vaporizers), any lighted Smoking equipment, or the lighting, inhaling, or exhaling of smoke from a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, including e-cigarettes and vaporizers.
Unregulated Nicotine Product	Any product containing, or delivering, nicotine intended, or expected, for human consumption, or any part of such a product, that has not been approved, or otherwise certified, for sale by the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) as a tobacco use cessation product, or for other medical purposes.