

Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)	
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BACKGROUND	<p><u>This Handbook section is for reference ONLY.</u> San Mateo County Medi-Cal beneficiaries currently do NOT live in the service area of a PACE organization at this time. Please review if applicants or beneficiaries have questions about the PACE program.</p> <p>The Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) provides comprehensive medical and social services to certain frail, community-dwelling elderly individuals, most of whom are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) benefits. An interdisciplinary team of health professionals provides PACE participants across the country with coordinated care. For most participants, the comprehensive service package enables them to remain in the community rather than receive care in a nursing home.</p>
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	<p>Individuals can join PACE if they meet certain conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 55 or older • Live in the service area of a PACE organization. • Eligible for nursing home care • Be able to live safely in the community <p>The PACE program becomes the sole source of services for Medicare and Medi-Cal eligible enrollees. Individuals can leave the program at any time.</p>
PACE FOR MAGI BENEFICIARIES	<p>The PACE program is available to all individuals who are on a MAGI Medi-Cal aid code, as long as the individual meets the eligibility criteria of the PACE program for participation.</p>
PACE AND SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT RULES	<p>Spousal impoverishment provisions apply to a spouse enrolled in a PACE program (PACE spouse) who has a community spouse. Under these provisions, the PACE spouse is considered to be in his/her separate MFBU (Medi-Cal Family Budget Unit) and permitted to transfer resources and income under the spousal impoverishment rules to his/her community spouse.</p> <p>NOTE: For more information, please review REFERENCES.</p>
BAY AREA PACE SERVICE AREAS	<p>Center for Elders' Independence Oakland, CA (510) 433-1150 Serving Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.</p> <p>On Lok Lifeways San Francisco, CA (415) 292-8888 Serving San Francisco, Alameda and Santa Clara Counties.</p>
REFERENCES	<p>Federal Medicaid Website on PACE</p> <p>ACWDL 97-18 – Application of Spousal Impoverishment Rules to Medi-Cal Eligible Spouses Enrolled in Programs for the All Inclusive Care of the Elderly</p> <p>ACWDL 98-31 – Clarification of Application of Spousal Impoverishment Rules to Spouses Who Are Enrolled in Programs for the All Inclusive Care of the Elderly</p> <p>ACWDL 15-11 – Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Modified Adjusted Gross Income Update</p>

