PACE

PACE Overview

Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly

South Carolinians who have either Medicare or Medicaid, or both, may join PACE. PACE is only available in certain counties in South Carolina. To qualify for PACE, members must:

- Be 55 or older.
- Live in the service area of a PACE organization as noted below.
- Meet nursing home-level of care as certified by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
- Be able to live safely in the community with help from PACE.

PACE is currently available in the following counties:

- Anderson
- Bamberg
- Calhoun
- Greenville
- Lexington
- Orangeburg
- Pickens
- Richland

PACE Enrollment

- 1. Level of Care
 - a. A referral is received by PACE; Level of Care (LOC) is entered into Phoenix and submitted for review.
 - b. SCDHHS receives and reviews LOC
 - i. LOC must be approved by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS)
- 2. Financial eligibility
 - a. PACE submits a SCDHHS 118A to SCDHHS to notify them a person is seeking to enroll

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- i. If not currently receiving Medicaid, a Medicaid application must be submitted to SCDHHS.
- ii. If currently receiving Medicaid, additional documentation may be needed to determine if the individual is eligible for PACE.
- b. SCDHHS eligibility staff reviews financial application and conducts 60-month look-back to determine if the individual meets financial criteria.
- c. SCDHHS eligibility staff notifies PACE if the individual meets financial criteria via the SCDHHS 118A.
- d. PACE returns the SCDHHS 118A to eligibility with the LOC certification and enrollment date.
 - i. If the individual meets financial criteria and is not currently receiving full coverage Medicaid in another category, eligibility is added to the Medicaid Eligibility system once the 30-day criteria is met. The Recipient Special Program (RSP) code can then be added to the Medicaid Management Information System.
 - ii. If the individual is currently eligible in a full coverage category, the 30-day wait is not required. The RSP code can be added to the system. Eligibility may change the Payment Category.
 - iii. PACE must submit a signed 118A via PACE Notification Portal. Note: Individuals active in paycat 80 (SSI) or possibly 54 (SSI Nursing Home) do not require a look back.
- 3. PACE sends enrollment approval to SCDHHS via web-based enrollment notification to SCDHHS for processing.
 - a. The member may notify PACE or PACE can check the web portal for eligibility.

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