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

The DC Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is proud to offer District seniors in Wards 7 & 8 a new way to access their Medicare and Medicaid benefits through the District's first-ever PACE program. The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) provides medical and social services to eligible elderly residents. A team of health care professionals provides PACE participants with coordinated care across both Medicare and Medicaid benefits. For most PACE participants, PACE services enable them to remain in the community rather than receive care in a nursing home.

Medicare is a federal program that provides medical coverage to people who qualify, mainly people over 65 or people with disabilities. Medicare covers routine and acute medical care, like doctors' visits and hospital stays.

Medicaid is a program run by the District and coordinated with the federal government. It

provides medical coverage to people who qualify due to their income, disabilities, age, or other factors. Like Medicare, Medicaid covers basic medical benefits, but it also covers many things Medicare doesn't cover. For example, it covers long-term care, dental care, hearing, and vision benefits.

How does PACE work?
PACE covers all Medicare- and Medicaid-covered care and services and other services that the PACE team decides are necessary to improve and maintain your health. This includes prescription drugs, as well as any other medically necessary care, like doctor or health care provider visits, transportation, home care, hospital visits, and even nursing home stays when necessary. The PACE program becomes your "one-stop shop" for all your health care services.

What does PACE cover?
PACE provides all the care and services covered by Medicare and Medicaid if authorized by your health care team. If your health care team decides you need care and services that Medicare and Medicaid doesn't cover, PACE may still cover them. Some of the services PACE covers include:

- Adult day
- Primary care
- Dental care
- Emergency services
- Home care

- Hospital care
- Laboratory & X-Rays
- Meals
- Medical specialty services

- Nursing home care
- Nutritional counseling
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy

Who is eligible for PACE?
Individuals can join PACE if they meet certain conditions:

- Age 55 or older
- Live in the service area of a PACE organization (ZIP codes 20019, 20020, and 20032)

- Eligible for nursing home level of care
- Be able to live safely in the community

For more information about enrolling in the District PACE Program, you can contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) at 202-724-5626 or via email at Ask.ADRC@dc.gov. You may also contact DHCF's Long Term Care Administration and speak with Jacqueline Gould, PACE Program Coordinator, at 202-535-1960 or via email at Jacqueline.Gould@dc.gov.