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The IHCP announces new PACE program

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) introduces a new program for all-inclusive care to the elderly (PACE). The PACE program is a risk-based managed care Medicare and Medicaid program that serves individuals who:

- Are 55 years old or older
- Are certified by their state to need nursing home care
- Are able to live safely in the community at the time of enrollment
- Live in a PACE service area

PACE benefits include the following:

- Primary care (doctor and nursing services)
- Hospital care
- Medical specialty services
- Prescription drugs
- Nursing home care
- Emergency services
- Home care
- Physical, occupational, and recreational therapy
- Adult day care
- Meals
- Dentistry
- Nutritional counseling
- Social services
- Laboratory/X-ray services
- Social work counseling
- Transportation

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has partnered with Franciscan Alliance in Indianapolis to implement Indiana's first PACE program. Franciscan Alliance will begin enrolling PACE members on or after November 1, 2014. The Division of Aging (DA) is the administering FSSA agency and will handle the enrollment process, which is similar to the nursing facility admission process. A program agreement between the State, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the participating PACE organization is required before the PACE organization can enroll PACE members. The PACE organization will be reimbursed a monthly capitation payment on a per member, per month basis.

PACE participants are required to sign an enrollment agreement indicating they understand the PACE organization must be their sole service provider. Services must be preapproved or obtained from specified doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, and other healthcare providers that contract with the PACE organization. Before providing services to a member, IHCP providers should always check the member's Medicare and IHCP card for a sticker indicating that the member is a PACE participant. The IHCP will deny payment of fee-for-service claims submitted by non-PACE providers for PACE members. Additional guidelines regarding the PACE program will be provided in upcoming IHCP publications.
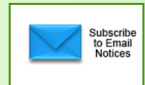
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