The PACE Program

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Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly is a comprehensive drug benefit that offers low-cost prescription medication to Pennsylvania residents who are age 65 and older.
The PACE Program

Program benefits:

- No deductibles
- No caps
- Minimal copays
- Open formulary
- Seamless wrap around with Medicare Part D
Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Program, all applicants & cardholders must:

- Be age **65** or older.
- Reside in Pennsylvania for at least **90** consecutive days.
- Meet the **prior year** income guidelines.

**NOTE**: Applicants who are enrolled in the Department of Human Services Medicaid prescription benefit are **NOT** eligible for the PACE Program.
Eligibility Requirements

PACE eligibility is determined by the applicants marital status & their prior year income.*

Based on marital status, the prior year income cannot exceed:

- $14,500 for single individuals.
- $17,700 for married couples (combined).

**Note:** If the applicant exceeds the above maximum income guidelines, they still may qualify for PACENET.

*Eligibility is not asset based
Eligibility Requirements

PACENET eligibility is determined by the applicants marital status & their prior year income.

NEW Income Guidelines

Based on marital status, the prior year income CANNOT exceed:

- $27,500 for single individuals.
- $35,500 for married couples (combined).
**SECTION C – INCOME VERIFICATION**

If you (or your spouse, if married and living together) receive income from any of the sources listed below, please enter the **GROSS INCOME FROM PREVIOUS YEAR** in the appropriate boxes. If you (or your spouse) do not have income from the previous year, please provide a statement of validation of zero income. If widowed, include only your previous year’s income (do not include your deceased spouse’s income).

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PACE Benefits

**PACE** cardholders are **NOT** responsible for a monthly premium and will have their prescription drugs covered.

Based on a **30** day supply, PACE cardholders are responsible for the following prescription costs at the pharmacy:

- **$6.00** Generic co-pay
- **$9.00** Brand co-pay

**Note:** A 90-day supply is available but only if the cardholder has a participating Part D plan.
PACENET cardholders will have their prescription drugs covered but may have to pay the monthly benchmark or Part D premium.

Based on a 30 day supply, PACENET cardholders are responsible for the following prescription costs at the pharmacy:

- $8.00 Generic co-pay
- $15.00 Brand co-pay

**Note:** A 90-day supply is available but only if the cardholder has a participating Part D plan.
Benefits of being enrolled in both the PACE Program and Part D:

- Coverage during the Part D Deductible Period & Donut Hole
- Lower copays with some plans (generic specific)
- Lower monthly premium vs. having to pay the monthly benchmark premium payment (specific to PACENET)
- 90-day supply (if offered by the Part D plan)
- Offsets Program costs
The **PACE Program** is:

- A qualified State Pharmacy Assistance Program (SPAP)
- Considered creditable coverage
  - A PACE enrollee who is 65 and not enrolled in Part D is not subject to Medicare Late Enrollment Penalties (LEP) as long as they’re enrolled in PACE since it’s considered creditable coverage.
Q: Who pays the Part D premium?
A: That depends on whether you are in PACE or PACENET.

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The Program pays the monthly premium (up to the 2019 benchmark) for PACE cardholders enrolled in a plan that has a signed premium payment agreement with the Department.

The 2019 Premium Benchmark is $37.03.
Part D Premium

The Program has a premium payment agreement with the following Part D plans:

- Bravo Health Pennsylvania, Inc.
- Capital Blue Cross
- Cigna Health & Life Insurance
- Envision Insurance Company
- Gateway Health Plan
- Geisinger Health Plan
- Geisinger Indemnity Insurance
- Health Partners Plans, Inc.
- Highmark Choice Company
- Highmark Senior Health Company
- HM Health Insurance Company
- Keystone Health Plan East
- SilverScript Insurance Company
- QCC Insurance Company
- UPMC Health Plan
- Vibra Health Plan, Inc.
- Wellcare Prescription Insurance Inc.
The Program does not pay monthly Part D premium payments for PACENET cardholders.

A PACENET cardholder is responsible for paying their premium.
If a **PACENET** cardholder does **NOT** have a Part D plan, then they will be charged the monthly benchmark premium payment of $37.03 at the pharmacy.
Cardholders enrolled in a Part D plan may also qualify for Low Income Subsidy (LIS) if they have limited income and assets.

Low Income Subsidy is a government program known as Medicare Extra Help & features the following benefits:

- Financial assistance with paying Part D monthly premiums, annual deductibles & drug copays
- Prevent prescription drug coverage gaps (donut hole)

Note: LIS applicants will be required to complete an income & asset test.
All cardholders in the Program are automatically renewed annually, therefore no renewal application is required.
If income changes are found during the autorenewal process, cardholders could be:

- Moved from PACE to PACENET
- Moved from PACENET to PACE
- Determined no longer eligible for the Program

Cardholders receive correspondence indicating any changes to their enrollment.

**Note**: If the cardholder becomes ineligible, then they can re-apply by completing a new application on January 1st of the following year.
PACE ID Card Information:

- Cardholder ID
- RxBIN, RxPCN and RxGrp
- Cardholder Name

**Note**: The PACENET card will indicate “NET” next to PACE Identification card.
How To Apply

- PACECares website: https://pacecares.magellanhealth.com
- papace@magellanhealth.com
- PACE Customer Service: 1-800-225-7223
- P.O. Box 8806, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8806
- Fax: 1-888-656-0372
- PACE Application Center: 1-866-712-2060
Help for those who do not qualify for PACE or PACENET
PA PAP Clearinghouse Services helps under-insured or uninsured individuals apply for prescription assistance through various programs such as:

- Manufacturer patient assistance programs
- Attorney General Settlement Programs
- Copay assistance and generic mail-order programs, coupons for specific meds, and other outside agencies

The PA PAP Clearinghouse is NOT a prescription insurance plan.

1-800-955-0989
In order to qualify for the **PA PAP Clearinghouse Services**, all applicants must be:

- 18 years of age or older
- A Pennsylvania resident
- Without prescription insurance

OR

- Individuals with prescription insurance, but:
  - Are in the Medicare Part D Coverage Gap/Donut Hole
  - Take a medication that is not on the prescription plan’s formulary
  - Experience high copayments over $100 per month for a 30-day supply of medications.
The PACE program helps administer pharmacy benefits for other state agencies including for the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services.

- Programs include:
  - Chronic Renal Disease Program
  - Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program for HIV/AIDS
  - Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program for Mental Health
Chronic Renal Disease Program (CRDP) provides life-saving care & treatment for adults with end-stage renal disease & assists with the cost for:

- Medications
- Dialysis services
- Renal transplantation
- Inpatient and outpatient service
- Home dialysis supplies & equipment
- Limited patient transportation
- Part D Coverage (Premium payment agreement plans)
Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP) provides services for individuals living with a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS who are not eligible for pharmacy services under the Medical Assistance Program including:

- Pharmaceutical assistance
- Specific lab services
- Part C and D coverage (Premium payment agreement plans)
The Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program - Mental Health (SPBP-MH) provides payment for:

- Specific atypical antipsychotic medications for qualified participants who are not eligible for pharmacy services under the Medical Assistance Program.
The Pennsylvania Rx Finder is a drug price comparison website that provides:

- Prices by zip code or city
- Pharmacy contact info
- A list of pharmacies with low cost generics
- A list of pharmacies that match lower prices
- Provides drug education items
Click **Launch the Pennsylvania Rx Price Finder** button.
Contact Information

- PACE Customer Service: 1-800-225-7223
- PACE Application Center: 1-866-712-2060
- PACE Website: https://pacecares.magellanhealth.com
- PACE Email: papace@magellanhealth.com
- PAP Clearinghouse: 1-800-955-0989
- Rx Price Finder: www.parxpricefinder.com
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