

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

Annual Report



2022

In accordance with Section 224 of the 2022 General Appropriations Act (HB 5001), the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) shall annually submit a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) report on all PACE provider applications submitted to the Agency, and include the name of the PACE organization, the service area the organization represents, the number of slots requested and authorized, and the date of Agency approval. The Agency shall submit this report to the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee by December 30 of each year, with the first report due December 30, 2022.

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) serves as the single state agency responsible for administering Florida's Medicaid program. Each state must administer their Medicaid program under a federally approved State Plan. The Medicaid State Plan serves as an agreement between the state and the federal government describing how that state administers its Medicaid program. The PACE Program is included in Florida's approved Medicaid State Plan.

In order for a PACE Organization to serve enrollees, the State must establish and maintain a PACE Program Agreement. The PACE Program Agreement is the three-way agreement between and signed by the state administering agency, the PACE organization and CMS describing how that state administers the PACE program. The PACE Program Agreement also establishes the group of individuals covered by each PACE organization and details covered services, payment methodologies, and other administrative and organizational requirements.

Medicare and Medicaid enrollees are eligible for PACE if they are 55 years of age or older, meet nursing facility level of care, reside in a designated service area, and can be safely served in the community at the time of enrollment. PACE requires the availability of all Medicare services and all Medicaid-covered services determined to be medically necessary and covered in the Medicaid Coverage and Limitations Handbook and fee schedules. PACE organizations are paid a capitated rate for Medicare services by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and a capitated rate for Medicaid services by the Agency. Because the goal of PACE is to maintain enrollees' independence outside the nursing facility, home and community-based services are provided to participants as needed. The PACE organization may also deliver other services determined necessary by the interdisciplinary team to improve and/or maintain the enrollee's overall health status. Additionally, the PACE enrollee must accept the PACE center physician as their new Medicare primary care physician. The Florida Department of Elder Affairs Comprehensive Assessment and Review of Long-Term Care Services (CARES) determines the nursing facility level of care for PACE enrollees.

The first step a PACE Organization must take to begin providing PACE services in Florida is to submit an application to the Agency in accordance with Section 430.84, Florida Statutes. This report provides the status of applications received by the Agency during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2022, as required in HB 5001, Section 224.

The table below, Table 1: PACE Applications Received SFY 21/22, represents PACE applications received by the Agency from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and includes information about the service area the PACE organization is requesting to serve, the number of slots requested by the PACE organization, the number of slots authorized by the Agency in the initial approval, and the date the Agency approved

the application. PACE Organizations that requested Service Area Expansions, as notated in Table 1, did not request additional slots.

Table 1: PACE Applications Received SFY 21/22				
Name of Organization	Service Area the Organization Represents	Number of Slots Requested	Number of Slots Authorized	Date of Agency Approval
Florida PACE	Miami-Dade/Broward (Service Area Expansion, SAE)	N/A	N/A	12-27-2021
Beacon Broward PACE	Broward	300	300	Under Review
Broward PACE LLC	Broward	200	200	12-27-2021
Beacon of Life LLC	Volusia/Flagler/Seminole	500	500	09-22-2022
Kinship PACE	Broward	300	300	3-24-2022
Kinship Central Florida	Marion/Polk	543	Under Review	Under Review
Kinship East Florida	Brevard	234	Under Review	Under Review
Palm Beach PACE /Morselife	Palm Beach (SAE)	N/A	N/A	06-09-2022
Trinity Health PACE	Escambia/Okaloosa/Santa Rosa	200	50	06-20-2022
St. Francis Reflections	Brevard	200	200	09-21-2022
BoldAge PACE	Hillsborough/Hernando/Pasco	500	Under Review	Under Review