

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

RFI# 201601006

Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

RESPONSES TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Written questions were submitted to the Department concerning the subject RFI. Below are the submitted questions, and Department responses.

1. RFI Question 6. How does Maine define “Nursing Facility Level of Care”?

Response: Eligibility for “Nursing Facility Level of Care” is define in MaineCare Benefits Manual (10-144, Chapter 101), Section 67, paragraph 67.02-3. (See <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch101.htm>).

2. RFI Question 9. Please define “Institutional” as referenced in the phrase “...Institutional to Community Care transitions...”

Response: “Institutional” is defined by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), and can be referenced at: <https://www.medicare.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/long-term-services-and-supports/long-term-services-and-supports.html>

3. RFI Question 10.

- a. What licensure, if any, is required in Maine to operate a PACE Program?

Response: No licensure requirements to operate a PACE program in Maine are currently defined. This RFI offers the opportunity to provide comments and/or suggestions concerning licensure for consideration.

- b. What is the Maine State PACE enrollment process?

Response: No PACE enrollment process is currently defined in Maine. This RFI offers the opportunity to provide comments and/or suggestions concerning enrollment for consideration.

- c. What is the Maine State Medicaid redetermination process?

Response: Financial eligibility determinations/redeterminations are made consistent with the MaineCare Eligibility Manual (10-144, Chapter 332). Determinations/redeterminations of medical eligibility are described in Section 1, and where applicable in discrete policies within the MaineCare Benefits Manual (10-144, Chapter 101). Redeterminations are generally required annually.

4. RFI Question 16. During the February 8, 2016 Informational Meeting, the OADS referenced they had identified three (3) desired service areas for traditional PACE Programs. What geographic areas have OADS considered or targeted for traditional PACE implementation?

Response: OADS has not identified any desired service areas for traditional PACE programs, or targeted specific geographic areas for traditional PACE implementation. In that traditional PACE programs require 150 to 200 enrollees for sustainability, the context of the reference was intended to illustrate the predominantly rural nature of the state of Maine, and not a decision concerning geographical boundaries for PACE development. This RFI offers the opportunity to provide comments and/or suggestions concerning geographic designation of PACE service areas for consideration.

5. What reimbursement rates have been projected for PACE members who are:
- a) Medicaid only
 - b) Dual eligible (i.e., Medicare and Medicaid eligible). Please identify the Medicaid portion of reimbursement for dual eligible.

Response: No reimbursement rates have been projected or established for PACE programs in Maine. This RFI offers the opportunity to provide comments and/or suggestions concerning PACE reimbursement rates for consideration.

******NOTHING FOLLOWS******