

## **Fact sheet about PACE and InnovAge**

- The Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a Medicare provider type, established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. PACE programs provide comprehensive health services for individuals age 55 and over who are sufficiently frail to be categorized as "nursing home eligible" by their state's Medicaid program.
- There are currently 106 PACE programs in 31 states. InnovAge, (formerly Total Community Care) is the only PACE provider in the State of New Mexico, serving nearly 400 participants in Bernalillo, Sandoval, and Valencia Counties.
- PACE programs enroll only clients who are very frail. PACE clients are clinically complex, with an average of over seven serious diagnoses per client. The average age of a PACE client is 80 years old, and their median life expectancy is 30 months - nearly identical to institutionalized nursing home patients. Most PACE participants qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.
- Most services are provided at the PACE center, which houses geriatric specialists, therapists, dentists, and provides social activities and meals. Other services are provided in the home.
- PACE services include primary and specialty medical care, nursing, social services, therapies (occupational, physical, speech, recreation, etc.), pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, day center services, meals, home care, health-related transportation, minor modifications to the home to accommodate disabilities, and anything else the program determines is medically necessary to maximize a client's health and independence.
- PACE's comprehensive approach to care for the elderly offers an alternative to nursing home or home care. InnovAge clients receive the support and services they need to allow them to stay at home, while maintaining their dignity and independence.
- Like Medicaid Managed Care or Special Needs Plans, which are typically large insurers PACE programs are at risk for all health care costs, including nursing home care. Unlike Medicaid Managed Care or Special Needs Plans, PACE organizations are, first and foremost, health care providers. PACE programs are reimbursed on a fixed per member per month rate (or capitation payment) by both Medicare and Medicaid. There are no copays, premiums, deductibles or service limits.
- PACE programs also support families to allow them to continue to work.
- PACE is documented to save money for both Medicare and Medicaid and is proven to improve health outcomes and quality of life.