



WHAT IS MEDICAID WAIVER?

Indiana Waiver (Aged & Disabled) provides an alternative to a nursing facility for adults and persons of all ages with a disability. The waiver is designed to provide services to supplement informal supports for people who would require care in a nursing facility if other support is not available. Waiver services can be used to help people remain in their own homes, as well as assist people living in nursing facilities to return to community settings such as their own homes, apartments, assisted living or Adult Family Care.

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE®)

The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE®) model is centered on the belief that it is better for the well-being of seniors with chronic care needs and their families to be served in the community whenever possible. PACE serves individuals who: are ages 55 or older; certified by their state to need nursing home care; able to live safely in the community at the time of enrollment; and live in a PACE service area. While all PACE participants must be certified to need nursing home care to enroll in PACE, only about seven percent of PACE participants nationally reside in a nursing home. If a PACE enrollee needs nursing home care, the PACE program pays for it and continues to coordinate the enrollee's care.

Services:

Delivering all needed medical and supportive services, a PACE program is able to provide the entire continuum of care and services to seniors with chronic care needs while maintaining their independence in their home for as long as possible. Services include the following:

- Adult day care that offers nursing, physical, occupational and recreational therapies, meals, nutritional counseling, social work and personal care;
- Medical care provided by a PACE physician familiar with the history, needs and preferences of each participant;
- Home health care and personal care;
- All necessary prescription drugs; social services; medical specialties, such as audiology, dentistry, optometry, podiatry and speech therapy;
- Respite care;
- Hospital and nursing home care when necessary; and
- Transportation.

The Franciscan Senior Health & Wellness PACE program currently provides services to older adults who live in the following ZIP codes in Indianapolis, Beech Grove, Greenwood, Franklin & Johnson County: 46201, 46219, 46229, 46203, 46107, 46237, 46239, 46227, 46259, 46142, 46143, 46184 and 46131.