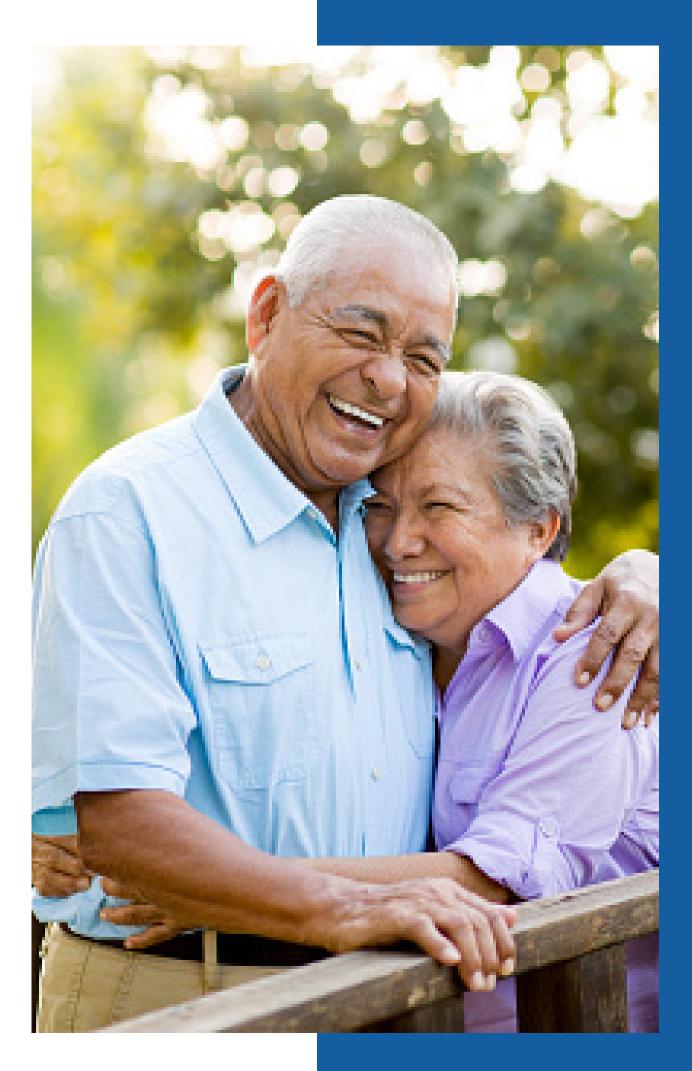
## Introduction Into PACE

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly



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### Senior CommUnity Care Mission Statement

The mission of Senior CommUnity Care PACE is to enhance the quality of life and independence for aging adults by providing services, which will help them remain in their home and in their communities.





# Services Senior CommUnity Care, PACE provides their participants:



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- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Recreational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Skilled Nursing Care
- Hospital Care
- Nutritional Counseling
- Meals
- DME

### **In Home Services**

Senior CommUnity Care, PACE provides care in the home and assists with activities of daily living.

Upon enrollment each participant will have an evaluation assessment to determine the level of home care needed.

Once assessment is completed, we create a home care plan that outlines specific tasks to complete for each participant.







## **Therapy Services**

At Senior Community Care, PACE we understand that maintaining physical and occupational health is crucial for the aging population's quality of life. As we age, the ability to perform daily activities and stay physically active can significantly impact overall well-being and independence. Recognizing this, we are committed to offering comprehensive occupational and physical therapies to our participants who are experiencing physical, cognitive changes, and maintain an appropriate level of strength and mobility.



- •Assessments
- Individual therapy
- •Group exercise classes
- •Strength and balance

### Occupational Therapy

- Individual evaluation
- •Fall prevention education
- Customized intervention
- Adaptive medical equipment







## **Transporation**

PACE provides transportation to and from our center in wheelchair accessible vans. PACE also provides transportation to specialty medical appointments as needed.











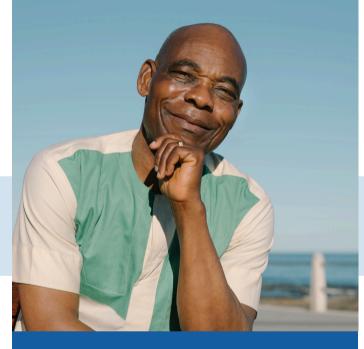


## Senior CommUnity Care, **PACE of Colorado Service Areas**

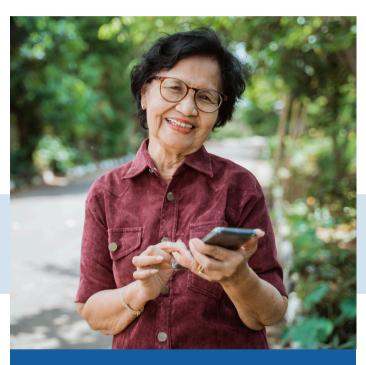
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### **Basic Participant Qualifications**



55 years of age or older



Resides in Service Areas\*



Able to live safely in the community







Be certified eligible for a nursing home level of care\*



Meet medical & financial criteria

## **Eligibility Criteria: Medical**

### PACE utilizes a tool created by the State of Colorado, known as the Nursing Facility Level of Care (NFLOC) for patient/participant determination

The functional, or medical, criteria for nursing home coverage through Health First Colorado (Colorado Medicaid) is needing a Nursing Facility Level of Care (<u>NFLOC</u>), which means the applicant requires the kind of full-time care that can only be provided in a nursing home.

To determine if the Nursing Facility Level of Care requirement is for Medicaid purposes, Colorado uses the Level of Care (LOC) Determination Screening Instrument. This takes into consideration the applicant's ability to complete the Activities of Daily Living (mobility, bathing, dressing, eating, toileting) and the Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (such as shopping, cooking, cleaning and taking medications), as well as cognitive ability.

For more information please visit the link below: https://www.medicaidlongtermcare.org/eligibility/level-of-care/#nfloc





## **Eligibility Criteria: Financial**



Medicare and Medicaid reimburse PACE programs for services provided to elders who are eligible for both benefits.



This national model of care is permanently available through Medicare.

\*To learn more please visit: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/PACE/PACE/PACE/







People who are eligible for Medicare but not Medicaid make monthly payments.



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### **Enrollment Process**



### Intake Assessment

Completed by a Senior CommUnity Care Enrollment Specialist- Gathers basic information from PPT.



### Community Safety Evaluation

Completed by a Senior CommUnity Care Community Outreach Nurse-Conducts Med. History & ensures a safe home.



### Enrollment Determination

Completed by the Enrollment Determination Team to approve or deny PPT, if appvd an interim care plan is created.









### Pre-Enrollment Clinic Visit

Initial conversation with our Senior CommUnity Care Provider/RN to address immediate needs



### Enrollment begins the first day of next month

Within the first 30 days all assessments are completed and initial care plan is created.

### **VERIFY PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY**







### To verify SCC PACE of CO eligibility:

Call the automated voice response system at: (844) 235-2387
Visit the web-based CO Health System at: https://hcpf.colorado.gov/virtualagent
Visiting our SCC PACE Provider Portal at: www.SCCPACEProviders.org (click on the claims portal button)

For more information please visit: https://hcpf.colorado.gov/verifying-eligibility-quickguide

## The Interdisciplinary Team

The IDT is the care management mechanism for PACE. It is the collective responsibility of the IDT to assess, coordinate and provide the medical, social, long-term care and support services needed for each participant. *All services must be pre-approved by the PACE IDT.* 

Part of your local IDT:

- Medical Doctor/ Nurse Practitioner
- Registered Nurse
- Social Worker/LCSW-C
- Physical Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Recreational Therapist
- Dietician
- Center Director
- Home Care Coordinator
- Personal Care Coordinator
- Transportation

\*Emergency services are an exception and do not require pre-approval.







## How to Obtain an Authorization

Utilize our Smartsheet Process for fast authorization. Visit this link: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a3 70f08d3ea7407ebeedf51365589966

Fax: Participants Office/Progress Note with requested service(s) to:

- Delta County: (970) 835-3722
- Montrose County: (970) 252-0166

Call: to request authorization at:

- Delta County: (970) 835-2900
- Montrose County: (970) 964-3500

### Need to Appeal an Authorization? Contact your local PACE IDT Team \*Note all authorizations must be preapproved through the IDT Team

Mental Health Request
Participant Name * First and Last
Consultation/Service Organization
Consultation/Service Provider * First Name, Last Name, and Title/C
Date of Consultation/Service *
Summary of Consultation/Service Please provide a brief summary of included: type of visit (e.g. face to treatment (progressing, regressing follow up appointments that PACE
File Upload If you have supplemental documer please upload here.



### Consultation/Service

### Credentials

services rendered with the following information face, telehealth, etc), statement on ppt's status of goals achieved, etc.), and recommendations for need to schedule

ntation that needs to be added to our Medical Record.

Drag and drop files here or browse files

## Participant's Bill of Rights

The PACE organization is dedicated to providing its participants quality health care services. As part of our contracted network, all providers must be knowledgeable about the Participant Rights and be willing to uphold their rights.

Upon enrollment, and annually thereafter, PACE program staff fully explain these rights to participants or someone acting on their behalf.

Contracted providers are responsible for promptly notifying PACE if a participant's rights have been violated or a participant or caregiver has indicated that participant rights have been denied.





## **Medical Records**

PACE organization must have one comprehensive medical record for each participant. The record needs to include:

- Appropriate identifying information
- Documentation of all services furnished, directly or by contracted providers
- •IDT assessments, reassessments and care plans
- Treatments and response to treatments
- Progress notes
- Laboratory, radiology, and other test reports
- Medication records
- Hospital discharge summaries, when applicable
- •Reports of contact with family and other informal supports
- •Physician Orders
- Disenrollment information
- Advance Directives

Contractors providing direct care services are required to document these services and transmit these records to SCC promptly after services are rendered. Contracted Homecare Services: visit notes should be sent to SCC on a monthly basis.

Residential Facilities: the following records should be transmitted to SCC on a monthly basis 1. Medication administration record

- 2. Plan of care







3. Any other pertinent documentation (wound care notes, acute issues, etc.)

## Medication Prescribing Procedures

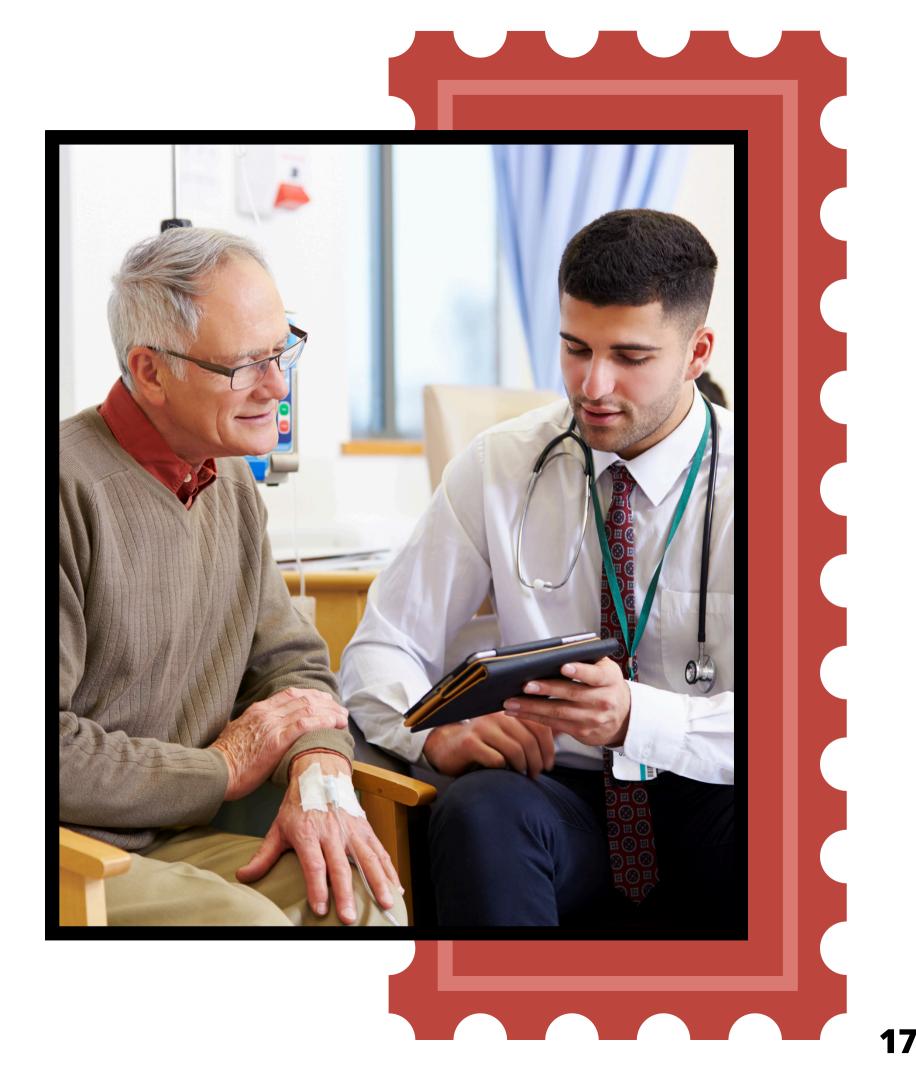
Senior CommUnity Care, PACE provides pharmacy services to participants including same-day medication dispense and delivery.

Prescriptions and medication orders should be sent directly to SCC rather than being given to the participant.

Medication orders may be documented in visit notes that are faxed and or transmitted, but urgent medication orders should be faxed or called in to SCC when ordered.







## Service Determination Request (SDR) Process

Within PACE, any request to initiate, modify, or discontinue a service made by a participant, caregiver/ family member, or the participant's representative is considered a Service Determination Request (SDR).

The interdisciplinary team (IDT) is required to follow a process for SDRs defined by the PACE regulations. This process includes a needs assessment, discussion and approval/ denial by the IDT, and formal verbal and written notification to the participant.

If the IDT denies the request, it must provide a rationale for the denial. The participant, caregiver/family member, or the participant's representative has the right to appeal this determination. The requirements of the SDR process are detailed in 42 CFR 460.121.

If a contracted provider is providing services to a participant: in their home, the PACE Center, or through transportation and receives a request from the participant, that specific request should be communicated to SCC as soon as possible (but no later than 2 days from the request being made). If the provider is not providing care in these settings, the provider should encourage the participant to communicate their request directly to PACE staff.





### Service Determination Request (SDR) Process Grievance & Appeals Process



The PACE staff and partnership team view contracted providers as partners in this process and expect that grievances voiced to our contracted providers are part of the grievance process in all settings. Grievances are tracked, analyzed and trended. The information is used to improve quality.

An Appeal is defined as a participant's action taken with respect to the PACE organization's non-coverage of, or nonpayment for a service, including denials, reductions or termination of services.

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### **Senior CommUnity Care, PACE Ethics Committee**

This committee will assist Senior CommUnity Care, PACE by:

- Reviewing the ethical dimensions of medical and non-clinical decisions on behalf of the participants
- Providing guidance to Senior CommUnity Care of Colorado's Governing Body on medicalethical issues
- Assisting in the development of procedures in documenting advance directives
- Helping to address ethical dilemmas, including end of life issues and implementation of the Patient Self-Determination Act
- Providing needed staff training around ethical issues & concerns





## **Claims and Billing**

These are the preferred submission methods:

1.)Electronic Claim Submission Payer ID: VNSPC Support: Clearinghouse

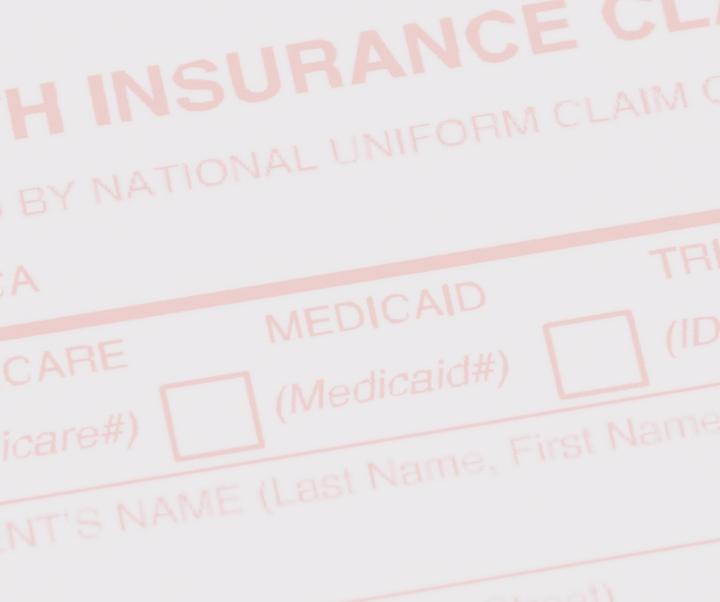
2.) Direct Entry using the Provider Portal: www.SCCPACEproviders.org

3.)Paper Claim Submission (please mail to the following address): SCC PACE Attn: Claims Department 7485 Office Ridge Circle Eden Prairie, MN 55344

\*Any mailed in claims must be on authentic CMS 1500 forms/ UB04 forms for processing







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## **Claims and Billing Appeals**

### **Disagree with a claim decision?**

Appeals must be submitted timely per your contract, if you are not contracted with PACE we default to Medicare guidelines; 120 days from initial determination.

Initiate a claim dispute/appeal by using any of the ways below:

- Provider Claims Portal (PDR-Provider Dispute Resolution)
- Email: claims@voa.org
- Fax: (970) 797-1984

Written appeals: please utilize the PACE Appeal letter. You will need to complete the appeal form in its entirety, including the reasons for the disagreement and attach supporting documentation. Send the completed appeal form to the claims fax number or email above and include "Claim Appeal" in the subject line.

Per Federal regulations with PACE Programs, providers are not permitted to balance bill participants for claims that are not covered under the plan/authorized.







## **Credentialing and Recredentialing**

PACE will make independent screening, enrollment, or credentialing determinations as required per CMS standards and will not request the submission of additional documentation from any provider. However, as part of the contracting process, PACE may collect roster information including all data elements required for claims payment and directory purposes.

After the Provider's initial Credentialing, PACE will evaluate a contracted provider's continued eligibility for contracting by re-credentialing the provider. PACE's process will occur no less frequently than every three years consistent with CMS' provider credentialing policy and procedures unless otherwise notified by CMS or the state's agency.

Each Year we will request COI's from your business to meet State Audit Compliances

Where to send provider and business updates? Any newly added providers, change of ownership or re-credentialing applications can be sent to: credentialing@voa.org





### Contracting

Each provider must be enrolled in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The Medicare and Medicaid Departments will ensure that the applicants meet all program requirements and qualifications.

Based on state and federal requirements:

- Federal and state application fees
- Training Fingerprinting Site visits
- Criminal background checks
- Federal database checks
- Verification of provider certification license and accreditation

Questions about your contract or contracted rates? Please reach out to our contracting department at: contracting@voa.org













## After Hours or On-Call Procedure

Senior CommUnity Care, PACE CO provides a nurse and provider on-call system to respond to any urgent participant needs afterhours and on weekends.

Unless life threatening, participants are encouraged to contact the Senior CommUnity Care on-call nurse if needed. Our on-call Nurses can make home visits, assess participants, conduct consultation with the on-call provider to initiate treatment or start medications.

Your local Senior CommUnity Care After Hours Hotline: Delta County: (970) 835-2900 Montrose County: (970) 964-3500





## **Important Contacts**

Delta County : Eckert Location

Direct Office Line: (970) 835-2900 Fax Line: (800) 420-0231 Emergency/After Hours: (970) 835-2900

Center Director – Acacia Ator Office: (970) 835-2988 Email: <u>AAtor@voa.org</u>

Executive Director – Cara Helmick, LCSW Cell: (970) 201-9658 Email: <u>CHelmick@voa.org</u>

Billing & Claims Questions: <u>claims@voa.org</u> Contracting Questions: <u>contracting@voa.org</u> Credentialing Questions: <u>credentialing@voa.org</u>

Montrose County : Montrose Location Direct Office Line: (970) 964-3500

Direct Office Line: (970) 9 Fax Line: (800) 420-0231 Emergency/After Hours: (970) 964-3500

Center Director – Trisha Martinez Office: (970) 964-3558 Email: <u>TMartinez@voa.org</u>

Provider Relations Representative – Linette Gerlach Cell: (612) 409-7302 Email: Igerlach@voa.org





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## **Continued: Important Contacts**

### **Appointment Schedulers**

Scheduling and rescheduling appointments will be done by our schedulers. This will ensure you have the appropriate paperwork including an authorization prior to the appointment, or at time of appointment:

- Eckert Carrie Wingfield Office: (970) 835-2979 Email: CWingfield@voa.org
- Montrose Amanda King Office: (970) 964-3452 Email: AmKing@voa.org

### **Clinical Nurse Managers**

- Eckert Rachael Beck Office: (970) 835-2923 Email: <u>RBeck@voa.org</u>
- Montrose Sherrie English Office: (970) 964-3531 Email: SEnglish@voa.org

### **Integrated Care Managers**

- Montrose Mari Moreno Office: (970) 964-3490 Email: MMoreno@voa.org
- Eckert Terrica Garrison Office: (970) 835-2987 Email: TGarrison@voa.org

### **Medical Records**

- Eckert Laura Clarke Office: (970) 835-2957 Fax: (800) 420-0231 Email:LClarke@voa.org
- Montrose Beckey Brown Office: (970) 964-3551 Fax: (800) 420-0231 Email: Bebrown@voa.org

### **Medication Department**

- Eckert Office: (970) 835-2926 Fax: (877) 994-2059
- Montrose Office: (970) 964-3533 Fax: (866) 310-4972





### **Clinic Secretaries**

- Eckert Theresa Abeyta Office: (970) 835-2922 Fax: (970) 835-2956 Email: TAbeyta@voa.org
- Montrose Linda Riley Office: (970) 964-3460 Fax: (970) 249-6956 Email:LRiley@voa.org

### **Medical Director**

• Dr. Caroline Schoo, MD Office: (970) 835-2920 Cell: (970) 596-4529 Fax: (970) 835-2956 Email: CSchoo@voa.org

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