

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa)  
Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter**

**Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Modified  
Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Update**

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815**

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**Issue Date:**

04/28/2015

**Effective Date:**

Upon Receipt

**Purpose:**

To inform staff that PACE programs are available to individuals who have their eligibility for Medi-Cal approved on the basis of MAGI as long as the individual meets the criteria of the PACE program.

**Background:**

PACE is a benefit authorized by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 that features a comprehensive service delivery system and integrated Medicare and Medicaid financing. PACE was developed to address the needs of long-term care beneficiaries, permitting them to continue to live at home while receiving services rather than be institutionalized.

**Policy Change:**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has clarified that beneficiaries who have their Medi-Cal eligibility determined using MAGI may receive PACE services as long as the beneficiary meets the PACE program criteria.

**Summary of Changes:**

MPG 8.4.1 has been updated to show this new information.

**Impacts:**

**Automation:**

No impact

**Forms and Document Capture:**

No impact

**Other Programs Affected:**

None

**Quality Control:**

Effective with May 2015 review month, Quality Control will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this letter.

**Management Reporting:**

No impact

**References:**

[ACWDL 15-11](#)

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**Approval for Release:**



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Eligibility Operations

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**Long Term Care (LTC)/Board and Care (B&C)/Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Criteria**

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**A. Background:**

This section contains information for determining the composition of the Medi-Cal Family Budget Unit (MFBU) when one or more family members are in LTC, B&C, or PACE.

**Policy:**

**B. LTC Status**

A person is considered to have LTC status when both of the following conditions are met:

- Their inpatient medical care is expected to last longer than the month of admission
- Their inpatient medical care is expected to last one full calendar month or more after the month of admission

Note: LTC status is not required in cases where there is an institutionalized spouse or LTC spouse. For a definition of an institutionalized spouse or LTC spouse see [Article 1 – Definitions](#).

**C. B&C**

A person is considered to be in B&C when the person receives board, room, personal care (laundry services other than linen, personal hygiene, transportation to and from medical appointments) in a non-medical protective living environment for a full calendar month.

**D. PACE**

PACE is a capitated benefit authorized by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 that features a comprehensive service delivery system and integrated Medicare and Medicaid financing. PACE was developed to address the needs of long-term care beneficiaries, which permits them to continue to live at home while receiving services rather than be institutionalized. Participants must:

- Be at least 55 years old
- Live in the PACE service area
- Be screened by a team of doctors, nurses, and other health professionals as meeting the state's nursing facility level of care
- Be able to live safely in community setting at the time of enrollment

PACE programs are available to individuals who have their Medi-Cal eligibility approved on the basis of Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) as long as the beneficiary meets the criteria above.

The PACE sites for San Diego County are:

St. Paul's PACE

111 Elm St.

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 677-3800

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San Diego PACE  
1275 30<sup>th</sup> St.  
San Diego, CA 92154  
(619) 662-4104

**Procedure:**

N/A

**Impacts:**

**Other Programs Affected:**

None

**References:**

CCR Title 22, Sections [50025.3](#) and [50056](#)  
ACWDLs [90-01](#), [97-18](#), [98-31](#), and [15-11](#)  
MPG Letters [298](#), [685](#), [747](#), and 815

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