Trinity Health PACE is a National Health Ministry of Trinity Health, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)—also known as LIFE programs in some states—is a unique service providing a full spectrum of health care services. From primary and acute to long-term care, PACE is available for frail elders who are certified as eligible for nursing home care. PACE services are centered on the belief that there is a higher value and it is better for the well-being of seniors with chronic care needs and their families to be served in the community whenever possible.

Committed to honoring the sacredness and dignity of every person by providing access to integrated, high-value health services
PACE cares for the dual (Medicare and Medicaid) eligible, frail elderly participant in their home and community, who would otherwise be placed in a nursing home for care. PACE provides a network of supportive and preventive services that focus on quality, positive health outcomes and value. PACE places focus on providing care and services in the home such as meals, personal-care and light housekeeping to support and maintain the ability of the participant to remain in one's own home. In addition to improving overall health outcomes and satisfaction of care, PACE can reduce health care costs by offering the right care at the right time in the right amount.

Promote provider participation and accountability for better health outcomes
PACE operates a day center and clinic, staffed with physicians and other primary caregivers, while also contracting with select providers throughout the communities served. PACE provides transportation for participants ensuring appointments are kept and necessary services received. Creating an atmosphere of collaboration of care is key to promoting involvement and provider participation and in driving positive health outcomes. Holding health care providers accountable by measuring and sharing health outcomes for PACE participants is necessary to supporting change where needed and for rewarding success.

Support population health
Using a capitated payment model, PACE provides all necessary care while taking on 100% of the financial risk. By accepting full financial risk, PACE can ease strains on state Medicaid programs by providing care and services for less than the traditional fee-for-service models for like populations. Delivering the full scale of services needed for this frail population requires a value-based approach by Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) members who focus person-centered care on prevention, current needs and ultimately positive health outcomes.

Increase flexibility in value-based care models to drive desired outcomes
PACE utilizes the IDT approach to discuss, identify and direct the services needed for each participant in real time. The participant's goals help drive shared decision-making and an integrated approach to wellness of mind, body, and spirit. This requires that the team knows in detail the daily needs of each participant and utilizes either the PACE care team or a contracted, preferred provider to adequately address each specific need while coordinating all efforts to reach a positive health outcome.

Expand participation in value-based care models
Trinity Health PACE understands that to better serve this frail, elderly population there must be better access. PACE stands as an excellent model of value-based care, yet many states either don't offer it or the state limits its growth. Both of which compromise access. To address this issue, Trinity Health PACE is committed to expanding the program by supporting growth initiatives across our footprint while also working to initiate or expand the program to other states so that deserving seniors can have access to the successful PACE model of care.

Trinity Health PACE at work in our communities
Before Pat, 71, found PACE he struggled with unstable housing, skin cancer and heart disease. PACE helped Pat turn his life around and get back on the road to better health. His PACE social worker found living space in a senior housing building and the interdisciplinary team helped Pat manage his skin cancer and
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heart disease. Prior to joining PACE, Pat had a heart attack and doctors discovered an aneurysm in his abdomen. After joining, Pat’s PACE physician kept a close eye on the aneurysm. When it got too big, the PACE team set up the surgery he needed. "The chaplain from PACE visited me often, listened to me and helped me believe in myself," said Pat.

“If it weren’t for my PACE caregivers, I would never have kept up with my appointments and that aneurysm could have ended very badly," Pat says. “The PACE team takes care of their participants….they showed me that my life matters. They help us stay healthy and live a better life and I am grateful. It brings tears to my eyes to have a second chance at life.”

“I want to live independently, and both my family and my PACE team want to help me do that,” says Christine. At 92 years old, Christine was experiencing complications from heart disease and had a bad fall. Her son and daughter urged their mom to live with one of them, but Christine wanted to remain living on her own. Then, she found PACE, and the program helped coordinate safe housing for Christine so she could live on her own with the supportive services provided by her PACE team. Christine can come to the center each day to receive the medical care and physical therapy needed to slow her heart disease. Christine has made new friends through onsite recreation, enjoys the interfaith chaplain’s prayer services and the music activities enliven her spirit. Her son and daughter visit her at home a few times each week.

Trinity Health PACE programs value family caregivers as partners in care, and Christine’s son Michael says, “The PACE team of caregivers treats our mom like she’s their mom. Mom is much more joyful since she isn’t so isolated anymore. We are so impressed with the care she receives and the communication we have with the team. We are always engaged; it’s a great feeling knowing our mom is safe at home or at the PACE center.”

Trinity Health PACE Centers

Trinity Health PACE is in nine states across the nation, with plans underway to add programs in three states, center locations include:

Eddy SeniorCare, Rotterdam N.Y.
Eddy SeniorCare, Latham, N.Y.
LifeCircles PACE, Muskegon, Mich.
LIFE St. Francis, Bordentown, N.J.*
LIFE St. Joseph of the Pines, Fayetteville, N.C.
LIFE St. Mary, Trevose, Pa.
Mercy LIFE of Alabama, Mobile, Ala.
Mercy LIFE of Massachusetts, West Springfield, Mass.
- Broad Street Center
- Norristown Center
- Sharon Hill Center
- North Hancock Center (select services)

- Valley View, Elwyn, Pa.
- Assisi House, Aston, Pa.
- Camilla Hall, Malvern, Pa.
- McAuley Convent, Merion Station, Pa.
Saint Francis LIFE, Newark, Del.
Saint Francis LIFE, Wilmington, Del.
Saint Joseph PACE, Mishawaka, Ind.
Trinity Health LIFE New Jersey, Pennsauken, N.J.

*A Trinity Health Managed Program

Mission
We, Trinity Health, serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities.

Core Values
Reverence • Commitment to Those Who Are Poor • Safety • Justice • Stewardship • Integrity

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