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Recent expansions in Pennsylvania's PACE/ PACENET program



More Seniors are Receiving Help from PACE/PACENET

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More citizens on fixed incomes may be eligible for Pennsylvania's prescription drug programs. There is plenty of attention on the Medicare Part D program, but I want to ensure that information is available on Pennsylvania's own programs for lower income seniors. Are you or a loved one eligible for the benefits from PACE and PACENET? My office can help you determine if you qualify.

What is PACE/PACENET?

PACE and PACENET are programs administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging. These programs offer comprehensive prescription coverage to eligible older Pennsylvanians and cover most medications that require prescriptions (including insulin, syringes and insulin needles).

These programs do not cover over-thecounter medicines, medical equipment or doctor, hospital, dental or vision services.



Who may qualify for PACE/PACENET Benefits?

Individuals earning up to \$14,500 annually and married couples earning up to \$17,700 per year are now eligible for the PACE program. PACENET income limits are \$23,500 for individuals and \$31,500 for couples.

If you are enrolled in PACE or PACENET and have no other prescription benefits, such as Medicare Part D. you will receive a one month supply of medication. Persons enrolled in PACE will pay \$6 for each generic and \$9

for each brand name prescription drug. Persons enrolled in PACENET will pay a nominal deductible at the pharmacy plus \$8 for each generic and \$15 for each brand name prescription drug.

To be eligible for PACE, you must be 65 years of age or older, a Pennsylvania

resident for at least 90 days prior to the date of application, and you cannot be enrolled in the Department of Public Welfare's Medicaid prescription benefit. Financial eligibility is determined by your previous calendar year's income.

To be eligible for PACENET, the age, residency and Medicaid requirements are the same as PACE. However, the income limits are higher. Again, financial eligibility is determined by your previous calendar year's income.

If you are already enrolled in either PACE or PACENET, the PA Department of Aging has advised that you should carefully review any information about your Medicare benefits that you may receive in the mail. If you have concerns or questions regarding the Medicare benefits in relation to your PACE/PACENET benefit, you can call the PACE Program at 1-800-225-7223.