



■ ***The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly***

PACE helps eligible older Pennsylvanians afford their prescriptions. Recipients pay only \$6 (generic) or \$9 (brand name) for each prescription. PACE enrollees must be 65 or older. Their income in the preceding calendar year must be less than \$14,500 (for individuals) or \$17,700 (for married couples). The first \$10,000 of a widow/widower's death benefit is not counted as income.

■ ***The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier***

PACENET assists Pennsylvanians 65 and older whose incomes exceed the PACE limits. PACENET income cannot top \$23,500 for individuals and \$31,500 for married couples. Since enactment of the federal Medicare Part D prescription program, recipients pay a monthly premium instead of the previous \$40 monthly deductible. The premium currently is \$32.59 a month. PACENET prescriptions cost \$8 (generic) and \$15 (brand name).

■ ***PACE Plus Medicare***

PACE Plus Medicare provides PACE and PACENET coverage through one of several Medicare Part D prescription insurance programs. The only difference is that PACE Plus recipients of PACENET benefits pay the actual policy premium, *up to* \$32.59 a month. There is no "donuthole" in coverage in PACE Plus Medicare, as there is with Medicare Part D only programs.



**STATE SENATOR
WAYNE D. FONTANA**

BROOKLINE DISTRICT OFFICE

930 Brookline Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15226-2106
(412) 344-2551
Fax: (412) 344-3400

KENNEDY DISTRICT OFFICE

Kenmawr Plaza
524 Pine Hollow Road
Kennedy Township, PA 15136-1661
(412) 331-1208
Fax: (412) 331-2079

HARRISBURG OFFICE

Senate Box 203042
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3042
(717) 787-5300
Fax: (717) 772-5484

E-MAIL

fontana@pasenate.com

WEB SITE

www.senatorfontana.com



**PENNSYLVANIA'S
PRESCRIPTION DRUG
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**



**PACE • PACENET
PACE Plus Medicare**

Applications are available from the office of

**STATE SENATOR
WAYNE D. FONTANA**

Serving the 42nd Senatorial District

PACE, PACENET & PACE Plus Medicare

■ **Applying for Drug Assistance**

Applications are available at local area agencies on aging, pharmacies and through the offices of state legislators or by calling 1-800-225-7223.

- Applicants must be residents of Pennsylvania for at least 90 days before applying for benefits. People whose prescription drug costs are covered by public assistance are not eligible.
- Applications are accepted one month prior to the 65th birthday. Applicants may be asked to provide photocopies of documents proving age, residency and income.

■ **Medicines Covered**

PACE, PACENET, and PACE Plus Medicare will cover only medicines that require a physician's prescription. Over-the-counter medicines such as aspirin, antacid, vitamins, experimental drugs and drugs prescribed for wrinkles or baldness are not covered even if they are prescribed. Insulin, insulin syringes and insulin needles also are covered.



Prescriptions for PACE and PACENET are limited to a 30-day supply or 100 units, whichever is less. PACE Plus Medicare recipients can receive a 90-day supply if their plan provides for it. A unit refers to a tablet or capsule.

■ **Generic Drugs**

Recipients must accept a therapeutically equivalent generic drug when one is available even if a doctor specifies a brand name drug on a prescription. Physicians may request a medical exception based upon extenuating medical circumstances. The determination to grant a medical exception request will be determined by the program's medical staff.

■ **Participating Pharmacies**

Recipients must use participating pharmacies. Most Pennsylvania pharmacies participate in all three programs. Out-of-state pharmacies do not participate in PACE or PACENET. Medications also cannot be mailed out of Pennsylvania under PACE and PACENET.

■ **Renewing Enrollment**

Cardholders will automatically receive renewal applications in the mail approximately two months before their card expires. Documents proving age and residency are not required with a renewal application. However, proof of income must be provided.

Benefits will be terminated if a recipient moves out of Pennsylvania, abuses or defrauds the program, or becomes eligible for prescription benefits under the state's Medical Assistance Program.

■ **Other Insurance Coverage**

PACE, PACENET and PACE Plus Medicare are payors of last resort and will cover only prescription costs not covered by other medical insurance.

Applicants will be asked to provide information about their insurance coverage when they enroll in either program.

■ **Therapeutic Drug Utilization Review**

Therapeutic Drug Utilization Review identifies cardholders whose drug use patterns place them at unnecessary risk for drug-induced illness. Alerts are issued to physicians and pharmacists each month concerning potentially high-risk drug therapies for their patients.



TOLL-FREE

PACE AND PACENET TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Cardholder Services	1-800-225-7223
Fraud and Abuse	1-800-992-2433
Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD)	1-800-222-9004