

provides comprehensive medical and social services to certain frail, community-dwelling elderly individuals. An interdisciplinary team (IDT) of health professionals provides PACE participants with coordinated care. The PACE program serves as the sole source of Medicaid and Medicare benefits for PACE participants. If an individual meets the eligibility requirements and elects PACE, then an agreement is signed and continues as long as desired by the individual, regardless of change in health status. See 42 C.F.R. § 460.2, et seq.

Petitioner receives PACE services from a team of professionals employed by Inspira. Upon Petitioner's request for additional CHHA services, Sarah Martyn R.N. performed a home assessment and determined Petitioner's cluttered residence was an issue not properly addressed by additional CHHA services. The assessment that Petitioner required different, rather than additional services, was echoed by other members of the Inspira team. Accordingly, Petitioner's team identified more suitable services that would promote Petitioner's continued independence and enhance his quality of life. I agree with the Initial Decision that the evidence in the record supports the finding that the denial of Petitioner's request for additional CHHA hours was appropriate.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{18th} day of JANUARY 2022,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is ADOPTED.



Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services