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**COVID-19 Policy Guidance: Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)  
Operations**

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In accordance with Executive Order No.103 and subsequent executive orders which address the state's coordinated response to address the novel coronavirus outbreak, this serves as notification of the Department of Human Services' temporary suspension of the following Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) operations until further notice.

1. PACE Center Closure to participants except for essential clinic and therapy services.

In direct response to public gathering restrictions and social distancing requirements, effective immediately, all PACE Center Operations shall be closed to participants except for the provision of essential clinic and therapy services. Essential health care or medical services excludes services which can be provided in a home setting or telephonically. The center employees for participants must be limited to staff who are essential to the provision of essential clinic and therapy services. All center participants and employees including employees assigned tasks for homebound participants must be in accordance with New Jersey mandates for group gathering limits and social distancing requirements as applicable. The PACE Organization shall provide to the Division of Aging Services a daily listing of participants who were transported to the PACE Center for essential services unable to be provided off-site.

2. PACE Organization Involuntary Disenrollment

Effective 4/1/20, involuntary disenrollment from PACE shall be suspended until further notice. Individuals for whom involuntary disenrollment is being requested shall continue to be provided services in accordance with program guidelines. Involuntary disenrollment requests of an urgent nature shall be submitted to the Division of Aging Services for review and determination in accordance with established protocols.

Voluntary disenrollment may be considered as per participant's request, however, the PACE Organization is responsible to identify potential service gaps, identify potential risks and back-up plan, provide options counseling to the participant about potential service gaps, and coordinate enrollment into other programs as necessary in accordance with established protocols.

3. PACE Organization NJ Choice Assessments

The NJ Choice Assessments for current enrollees shall be suspended until further notice. All required NJ Choice assessments that are deferred for current enrollees shall be prioritized upon reinstatement of assessment activities and completed within the timeframes identified by the Division of Aging Services.