

Action Request Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Issue date: 1/16/2019

Topic: Long Term Care

Due date:

Subject: 2019 Updates for PACE cases

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Action required:

Local APD/AAA offices who manage the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) cases need to notify PACE participants of the increase in the service liability/pay-in amount, the new Personal Incidentals Fund (PIF) amount (if applicable), and the new room and board rate (if applicable). These changes are the result of the 2019 Social Security COLA increases and an increase in rates for CBC cases.

APD/AAA staff must notify the PACE participants of the new amounts and where to send the room and board and liability/pay-in payments, allowing enough time for the participant to send the appropriate payments for February 2019. The IT system cannot automatically generate the liability amount.

A SPAN is sent, reflecting these changes, to the PACE participant only if a reassessment for LTC eligibility is required; timely notice requirements are followed. Otherwise, per [OAR 461-175-0230\(3b\)](#), a *Continuing Benefit Notice* (SDS 540, SDS 540P, etc.) is sufficient to send to PACE participants to notify them of these changes. A letter explaining where payments must be sent should be attached to either notice. See [APD-PT-18-048](#) for additional information on using SPAN for PACE cases.

Liability/Pay-in Calculations:

Per [APD-IM-18-093](#), the current case management and payment systems were updated with the 2.8% COLA on Social Security income (SSB and SSDI). The local office is responsible for tracking and updating the liability/pay-in payment tracking spreadsheets for PACE cases. PACE participants will begin to pay the new liability/pay-in amount effective **February 01, 2019**. Per [OAR 461-175-0230\(3b\)](#), a continuing benefit notice can be sent for these changes; the payment information letter and liability/pay-in calculation sheets should be sent with the notice. See [APD-PT-18-053](#) for additional information regarding 2019 changes to LTC cases.

Room and Board Rate and Personal Incidentals Fund (PIF):

Effective January 1, 2019 the room and board rate for CBC cases increased to \$599.00. Information regarding the new room and board rate and new Personal Incidentals Fund (PIF) amount should be included in the notice and letter sent to the participants explaining the changes, if any, to their liability/pay-in amount. See [APD-PT-18-053](#) for additional information regarding 2019 changes to LTC cases.

All changes should be narrated in OregonACCESS. Case managers need to notify the PACE organization of these changes as well.

Reason for the action:

In conjunction with [APD-IM-18-093](#) and [APD-PT-18-053](#), service cases of the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) will need to be updated with the liability and pay-in calculations resulting from the 2019 COLA on Social Security income (SSB and SSDI), the increased room and board rate of \$599, and the new PIF amount. Current payment and liability systems for CBC and In-home cases do not reflect consumers receiving services through PACE. These actions are necessary to align with requirements of non-PACE cases affected by the 2019 changes.

A report of PACE cases will be sent, following the distribution of this transmittal, to PACE service area APD/AAA office managers, for distribution to case management staff who manage PACE cases.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Policy Review Team

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