Why Choose Redwood Coast PACE?

At Redwood Coast PACE, our goal is to help you stay as healthy and independent as possible. Because we monitor our members' health on a regular basis, many participants have fewer health crises and better overall health.

Choosing to enroll in Redwood Coast PACE allows you to:

- Live at home in your own community for as long as it's safely and medically possible
- Maintain your independence, dignity and quality of life
- Receive health and supportive care services that are tailored to your individual needs
- Be assisted by friendly, competent healthcare professionals
- Easily obtain information and help in coordinating your health care
- Access acute and emergency care when needed – 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Get to and from the Center in reliable, comfortable, accessible vans
- Receive prescription drugs
- Provide peace of mind and support for your family members and caregivers

What is Redwood Coast PACE?

Redwood Coast PACE is an all-inclusive health plan for older adults age 55+. We provide medical, social, nutritional, rehabilitation, and support services for frail adults who:

- Are age 55 and older
- Need a nursing home level of care but who wish to remain at home or in the community. (The state of California determines/certifies each applicant's need for a nursing home level of care.)
- Can safely live in the community with no harm to themselves or others, and
- Reside in the Redwood Coast PACE service area — Eureka, McKinleyville, Arcata, Bayside, Blue Lake, Carlotta, Ferndale, Fields Landing, Fortuna, Hydesville, Korbel, Loleta, Rio Dell, Samoa, Scotia, or Trinidad

Redwood Coast PACE is modeled after a nationally recognized health model called the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Redwood Coast PACE is licensed through the California Department of Health Care Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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What Services are Provided by Redwood Coast PACE?

Our Interdisciplinary Team of healthcare professionals includes the Center Manager, Primary Care Provider, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse, Occupational and Physical Therapists, Social Worker, Recreational Therapist, Dietitian, Transportation Coordinator, and others. The Interdisciplinary Team develops an individualized Plan of Care based on each member’s unique care needs. Services are coordinated by the Interdisciplinary Team, are often provided at the Redwood Coast PACE Center, and may include:

- Adult day healthcare services (also called Community-Based Adult Services, or CBAS)
- Primary medical care and medical specialty services
- Vision, dental, hearing and foot care
- Prescription drugs
- Laboratory and diagnostic services
- Medical supplies and equipment
- Nursing and preventive health care
- Physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapy
- Social work services and family support
- Nutritional counseling, meal planning, and home-delivered meals
- Home health, personal care, and in-home assistance
- Transportation to and from the Center and medical appointments, as well as to other offsite services
- Nursing home care
- Hospitalization at a nearby community hospital (St. Joseph Hospital, Redwood Memorial Hospital or Mad River Hospital)
- Emergency and urgent care as needed, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Ambulance and paramedic services

The Redwood Coast PACE Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Participants may attend programs at the Center from one to five days a week, depending on need. Our Center is inviting, comfortable and safe, with separate areas for dining, rehabilitation, recreation, personal care, the medical clinic, and even a garden patio. Nutritious meals and snacks are served at the Center.

Who Pays for Redwood Coast PACE Services?

The cost of services provided by Redwood Coast PACE are covered by Medi-Cal, Medicare, and private payment. Your share of cost, if any, will depend on your Medi-Cal and Medicare eligibility:

- If you are eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal, or Medi-Cal only, you pay nothing to Redwood Coast PACE.
- If you are eligible for Medi-Cal with a share of cost, you pay a monthly premium to Redwood Coast PACE. This premium is equal to your share of cost as set by Medi-Cal rules.
- If you are eligible for Medicare only, you pay a monthly fee equal to the Medi-Cal payment, including a premium for Medicare Part D.
- If you are not eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal, you pay a monthly fee equal to the Medicare and Medi-Cal payment.

The helpful Redwood Coast PACE staff can answer your questions regarding eligibility and monthly premiums. Just call 707-443-9747 (TTY users call 711 - California Relay Service).

Once enrolled, Redwood Coast PACE will arrange and pay for all care and services recommended by our Interdisciplinary Team. This includes any necessary specialty services or hospital care. Members are financially responsible for any out-of-network services, that is, services (except for emergency care) not recommended by the Interdisciplinary Team or not provided or authorized by Redwood Coast PACE.

How Do I Enroll in Redwood Coast PACE?

Enrollment in Redwood Coast PACE begins with just a phone call. You can reach our Enrollment Representative at 707-443-9747 (TTY users call 711 - California Relay Service). Our staff will answer your questions and help assess whether Redwood Coast PACE will meet your care needs, and can help you arrange a visit to our Center. If you are interested in enrolling and meet the basic PACE eligibility requirements, the California Department of Health Care Services will review your application for level of care eligibility, a process that may take up to 45 days. Our staff will keep you informed during the review process.

It's important to remember that it is your choice to enroll in Redwood Coast PACE, and you can disenroll at any time. Your satisfaction is our goal.