



COMMISSIONER
Chris Traylor

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To: All Nursing Facility Administrators
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Providers

Re: Information Letter No. 11-124
Expansion of Money Follows the Person Options to Include Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

Money Follows the Person (MFP) initiative is a major policy resulting from the Promoting Independence Initiative and allows people residing in nursing facilities (NF) to move back into the community to receive services without being on an interest list or using a community services allocated "slot" to access services in the community. House Bill 2903, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, authorized the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) as a community-based service option under the MFP policy.

PACE provides community-based acute and long-term care services to persons who are 55 years or older, meet the medical necessity criteria for admission into a NF and can be served safely in the community. More information about the PACE program can be found at the following DADS website: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/pace.html>.

Current PACE sites include El Paso, Lubbock, and Amarillo. Individuals must live in specific zip code areas to be eligible for PACE. Locations and contact information for PACE are identified in the attachment. Please make your staff and residents aware of this new option under MFP as you are conducting the Minimum Data Set 3.0 Section Q.

If you have any questions regarding the PACE program, you may contact the PACE sites listed on the attachment. Questions regarding the MFP program or MDS 3.0 Section Q referrals can be directed to Steve Ashman at (512) 438-4135.

Sincerely,

[Signature on file]

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Attachment

PACE Catchment Areas by ZIP Code

Amarillo/Canyon area:	El Paso area:	Lubbock area:
The Basics at Jan Werner (806) 373-9447	Bienvivir Senior Health Services (915) 562-3444	La Paloma (806) 740-1500
79015	79901	79403
79101	79902	79404
79102	79903	79407
79103	79904	79408
79104	79905	79409
79106	79907	79414
79107	79915	79415
79108	79924	79416
79109	79925	79423
79110	79930	79724
79111	79935	79452
79118	79936	79453
79119		79464
79121		79490
79124		79493
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