

## PACE Quality Measures Descriptions

### Measure Title: Percent of PACE Participants With Influenza Immunization

**Measure Description:** Percent of PACE Participants who received an influenza immunization during the influenza immunization season defined as beginning on September 1 and ending on March 31 of the following year. Measures are to be calculated separately for the following three (3) percentages:

1. The percentage of participants who received an influenza immunization during the current or most recent influenza season, either in the PACE Organization or outside the PACE Organization.
2. The percentage of participants who were offered and declined the seasonal influenza immunization.
3. The percentage of participants who were ineligible to receive the seasonal influenza immunization due to contraindication(s) (e.g., anaphylactic hypersensitivity to eggs or other components of the immunization, see <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/vax-summary.htm>).

#### Numerator Statement:

1. Percentage of PACE participants who received an influenza immunization.

**Numerator:** Number of PACE participants who received an influenza immunization during the reporting influenza season, either in the PACE Organization or outside the PACE Organization.

2. Percentage of PACE participants who were offered and declined the seasonal influenza immunization.

**Numerator:** Number of PACE participants who were offered and declined the seasonal influenza immunization during the reporting influenza season.

3. Percentage of PACE participants who were ineligible to receive the seasonal influenza immunization due to contraindication(s).

**Numerator:** Number of PACE participants who were ineligible to receive the seasonal influenza immunization due to medical contraindication(s) during the reporting influenza season (e.g., anaphylactic hypersensitivity to components of the immunization; see <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/vax-summary.htm>).

**Numerator Details:**

- Each of the three (3) sub-measure numerators described above will be computed and reported separately.
- The influenza immunization season is defined as beginning on September 1 and ending on March 31 of the following year.

**Denominator Statement: (Same for all three (3) percentages)**

**Denominator:** Number of PACE participants enrolled during the reporting influenza season.

**Inclusion Criteria:**

- Include PACE participants who were enrolled in PACE for at least one (1) day during the reporting influenza season, regardless of enrollment status at the end of the reporting period.
- Include PACE participants who died during the reporting influenza season, but were enrolled as PACE participants for at least one (1) day in the reporting influenza season.

**Exclusion Criteria:** None

**Risk Adjustment:** Initially, risk stratification will be used rather than risk adjustment. Stratification will be based on PACE Organization characteristics. Once more data are available on patient acuity, diagnose, or socio-demographic factors are available, the need for risk adjustment and alternative adjustment methodologies will be examined.

**Classification:**

**National Quality Strategy Priority:** Promote the most effective prevention and treatment practices for the leading causes of mortality.

**Measure Type:** Process

**Data Source:** Electronic or paper clinical records

**Setting:** PACE Organizations provide services to participants who live in their own homes (or in home-like settings) in the community. Participants attend PACE Centers regularly (e.g., three (3) days per week) for a variety of activities and support services. If a participant is admitted to an institutional setting (e.g., acute care hospital (ACH)) for any duration, the PACE Organization continues to be responsible for the participant. Therefore, the PACE Organization does not fit within the list of care settings put forth by NQF. PACE Organizations are responsible for a combination of home care, community-based care, and institutional care.

<b>Measure Title: Percent of PACE Healthcare Personnel With Influenza Immunization</b>
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**Measure Description:** Percent of PACE Staff members who received an influenza immunization during the influenza immunization season defined as beginning on September 1 and ending on March 31 of the following year. The PACE Staff Influenza Immunization domain has six (6) sub-measures:

1. Percentage of PACE staff members who received an influenza immunization.
2. Percentage of PACE staff members who were offered and declined the seasonal influenza immunization.
3. Percentage of PACE staff members who were ineligible to receive the seasonal influenza immunization due to contraindication(s).
4. Percentage of PACE contractors who received an influenza immunization.
5. Percentage of PACE contractors who were offered and declined the seasonal influenza immunization.
6. Percentage of PACE contractors who were ineligible to receive the seasonal influenza immunization due to contraindication(s).

**Numerator Statement:**

1. Percentage of PACE staff members who received an influenza immunization.

**Numerator:** Number of PACE staff members who received an influenza immunization during the reporting influenza season, either in the PACE Organization or outside the PACE Organization.

2. Percentage of PACE staff members who were offered and declined the seasonal influenza immunization.
  - a. Persons who declined vaccination and did not provide any other information should be categorized as declined vaccination.
  - b. Persons with an unknown immunization status or who do not otherwise meet the definitional criteria for the other two (2) numerator categories should be counted as declined vaccination.
  - c. Persons who did not receive the vaccination because of religious or philosophical exemptions should be categorized as declined vaccination.
  - d. Persons who deferred vaccination all season should be categorized as declined vaccination.

**Numerator:** Number of PACE staff members who were offered and declined the seasonal influenza immunization during the reporting influenza season.

3. Percentage of PACE staff members who were ineligible to receive the seasonal influenza immunization due to contraindication(s).

**Numerator:** Number of PACE staff members who were ineligible to receive the seasonal influenza immunization due to medical contraindication(s) during the reporting influenza season (e.g., anaphylactic hypersensitivity to components of the immunization; see <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/vax-summary.htm>).

4. Percentage of PACE contractors who received an influenza immunization.

**Numerator:** Number of PACE contractors who received an influenza immunization during the reporting influenza season, either in the PACE Organization or outside the PACE Organization.

5. Percentage of PACE contractors who were offered and declined the seasonal influenza immunization.

**Numerator:** Number of PACE contractors who were offered and declined the seasonal influenza immunization during the reporting influenza season.

6. Percentage of PACE contractors who were ineligible to receive the seasonal influenza immunization due to contraindication(s).

**Numerator:** Number of PACE contractors who were ineligible to receive the seasonal influenza immunization due to medical contraindication(s) during the reporting influenza season (e.g., anaphylactic hypersensitivity to components of the immunization; see <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/vax-summary.htm>).

**Numerator Details:**

- Each of the six (6) sub-measure numerators described above will be computed and reported separately.
- The influenza immunization season is defined as beginning on September 1 and ending on March 31 of the following year.

**Denominator Statement: (Same for each set of three (3) percentages)**

**Staff Member Denominator:** Number of PACE staff members during the reporting influenza season.

**Contractor Denominator:** Number of PACE contractors during the reporting influenza season.

**Inclusion Criteria:**

- PACE Organization staff. Employees include all persons who receive a direct paycheck from the PACE Organization for at least one (1) day of the influenza season (i.e., on the organization's payroll), regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact.
  - Include all staff members who worked at the PACE Organization between September 1 and March 31 for at least one (1) working day.
  - Include staff members who were on extended leave during part of the reporting period.
  - Include staff members working part time.
  - Include persons who are owners of the reporting facility.
  - Count persons as individuals rather than full-time equivalents.
- PACE-contracted HCPs. Licensed independent practitioners include physicians, dentists, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, and therapists who are affiliated with the reporting organization but do not receive a direct paycheck from the organization.

**Exclusion Criteria:** Volunteers who act as the PACE participant's caregiver. Exclude all family/volunteer caregivers.

**Risk Adjustment:** Initially, risk stratification will be used rather than risk adjustment. Stratification will be based on PACE Organization characteristics. Once more data are available on patient acuity, diagnoses, or socio-demographic factors are available, the need for risk adjustment and alternative adjustment methodologies will be examined.

**Classification:**

**National Quality Strategy Priority:** Promote the most effective prevention and treatment practices for the leading causes of mortality.

**Measure Type:** Process

**Data Source:** Electronic or paper clinical records

**Setting:** PACE Organizations provide services to participants who live in their own homes (or in home-like settings) in the community. Participants attend PACE Centers regularly (e.g., three (3) days per week) for a variety of activities and support services. If a participant is admitted to an institutional setting (e.g., acute care hospital (ACH)) for any duration, the PACE Organization continues to be responsible for the participant. Therefore, the PACE Organization does not fit within the list of care settings put forth by NQF. PACE Organizations are responsible for a combination of home care, community-based care, and institutional care.

<b>Measure Title: PACE Participant Emergency Department Use Without Hospitalization</b>
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**Measure Description:** The percentage of PACE participant Emergency Department (ED) visits that did not result in being admitted to the hospital.

**Numerator Statement:** Number of PACE participant ED visits with no subsequent acute care hospitalization during the reporting quarter.

**Exclusion Criteria for Numerator:**

- Exclude ED visits that resulted in a hospitalization.
- Exclude ED visits that resulted in an observation stay.
- ED visits with an observation stay are those that have documentation of an order for observation services written by the medical doctor/advanced practice registered nurse/physician assistant regardless of where those services are provided in the hospital or the ED.

**Denominator Statement:** Number of PACE participant ED visits during the quarter.

**Inclusion Criteria for Denominator:**

- Include ED visits of participants who were enrolled in PACE for at least one (1) day in the reporting quarter, regardless of enrollment status at the end of the quarter.
- Include ED visits of participants who died during the quarter, but were enrolled as PACE participants for at least one (1) day in the reporting quarter.

**Risk Adjustment:** Initially, risk stratification will be used rather than risk adjustment. Stratification will be based on PACE Organization characteristics. Once more data are available on patient acuity, diagnoses, or socio-demographic factors are available, the need for risk adjustment and alternative adjustment methodologies will be examined.

**Classification:**

**National Quality Strategy Priority:** Make Care Safer, Make Care More Affordable, Promote Best Practices of Healthy Living

**Measure Type:** Outcome

**Data Source:** Electronic or paper clinical records

**Setting:** PACE Organizations provide services to participants who live in their own homes (or in home-like settings) in the community. Participants attend PACE Centers regularly (e.g., three (3) days per week) for a variety of activities and support services. If

a participant is admitted to an institutional setting (e.g., acute care hospital (ACH)) for any duration, the PACE Organization continues to be responsible for the participant. Therefore, the PACE Organization does not fit within the list of care settings put forth by NQF. PACE Organizations are responsible for a combination of home care, community-based care, and institutional care.