The following Questions and Answers address program policies and procedures as they relate to how the PACE Program is working with Medicare Part D in 2009

# 1. If I have PACE or PACENET, why should I enroll in Part D?

A. Many PACE or PACENET cardholders will save money by being enrolled in both programs at the same time, and it helps the program save money that can be used to help more Pennsylvanians.

### **2.** Are all PACE/PACENET cardholders enrolled in Part D?

A. No. We will not enroll the following into a Part D Plan: those who do not have Medicare Part A or B, those in Medicare Advantage Plans, and those in employee retirement plans with drug coverage. We will also not enroll anyone who notifies us that they do not want to be enrolled in a Part D plan for 2009.

### 3. How do I know if PACE/PACENET has enrolled me in Medicare Part D?

A. If PACE/PACENET enrolls you in a Part D plan, you will receive a letter from the program telling you the name of the Medicare Part D plan that they have selected for you. The program reviews your information and selects a plan that will cover your medications at the lowest cost and allow you to go to the pharmacy that you prefer.

4. I have not received any letter or other information from PACE or PACENET about how they will work with my Part D plan. Does that mean that I will not get any help from PACE or PACENET with Part D costs?

A. If you have not received information from the program, we may not be enrolling you in Part D as mentioned in Question 2; or we may not know that you have a Part D plan.

All PACE/PACENET members get help with their Part D deductibles, co-pays and costs during the donut hole. If you have any questions about how PACE/PACENET can work with your Part D plan, you should call the program at 1-800-225-7223.

# 5. Will I receive an identification card from the Part D plan PACE/PACENET enrolled me in?

A. Yes, you will receive an identification card from the Part D plan. You will use your Part D plan's identification card along with your PACE/PACENET card at the pharmacy.

# 6. I am not currently enrolled in PACE or PACENET. If I enroll in the program, will I be automatically enrolled in Part D?

A. If you do not have a Part D plan when you enroll in PACE or PACENET, we will not assign you to one immediately, but we may provide recommendations to you within a few months. However, if you have a Part D plan when you enroll in PACE or PACENET, you can choose to stay in that plan or follow our recommendations.

# 7. Who will pay the Part D premium?

A. That depends on whether you are in PACE or PACENET.

#### PACE:

The PACE Program will pay the Part D premiums for PACE cardholders enrolled in one of the plans that has a signed agreement. PACE will pay up to the regional benchmark, which is currently \$29.23 for 2009. If you enroll in a plan with a premium higher than \$29.23, you must pay the difference.

The Program will not be able to help pay the Part D plan premium for individuals who are not enrolled in a Part D plan that does not have a signed agreement.

### PACENET:

PACENET cardholders enrolled in one of the program's partner Part D plans will have to pay the Part D plan's premium at the pharmacy but will no longer have to pay the PACENET deductible. You will never be charged more than the cost of your medication at one time. Therefore, if the cost of your medication is less than the amount of premium you owe, you only pay the cost of the medication and the remaining amount of the premium you owe will be carried over until you need another medication filled (that same month or the next month).

EXAMPLE: Part D plan's monthly premium is \$26.50.

Prescription filled on 1/12/09 – cost of the drug was \$8.25 – cardholder charged \$8.25 and this amount goes toward the premium of \$26.50.

Prescription filled on 1/13/09 – cost of the drug was \$14.20 – cardholder charged \$14.20 and this amount goes toward the remaining premium.

Prescription filled on 1/13/09 – cost of the drug was \$153.24 – cardholder charged \$4.05 to meet the remaining amount of the premium plus a \$15 co-payment for the brand name medication.

PACENET cardholders enrolled in a non-partner Part D plan will have to pay the Part D plan's premium directly to the Part D plan each month, but they will no longer have to pay the PACENET deductible at the pharmacy.

### 8. I am enrolled in PACENET. If I do not enroll in Part D, what will I have to pay?

A. When you first use your PACENET card, and in the months that follow, you will have to pay a monthly deductible that is equal to the regional benchmark premium for Part D, which is \$29.23 for 2009. After you pay this deductible at the pharmacy, you will pay the PACENET co-pays for your medications (\$8 for generics and \$15 for name brand medications).

If you have not used your PACENET card and you do not currently take medications, you will not have to pay this deductible until you activate your card at the pharmacy. Once you activate your PACENET card, the monthly deductible will accumulate if it is not met each month. This process is only for PACENET cardholders that do not enroll in Part D.

EXAMPLE: I sign up for PACENET in January 2009, but do not use my card until March, 2009. In March, I pay a deductible of \$29.23. If I do not purchase any medications in April, my deductible in May will be \$58.46 (\$29.23 from April plus \$29.23 from May) and so forth.

# 9. If I am enrolled in Part D, will I still use my PACE or PACENET card?

A. Yes, show both prescription cards at the pharmacy. This will let your pharmacist know to bill your Part D plan first, and bill PACE or PACENET second. It will also let your pharmacist know that you are entitled to all of the drugs that are available under PACE and PACENET.

#### 10. Will my co-payments be higher with PACE/PACENET and Medicare Part D?

A. No. If your Part D plan charges higher co-payments than you were paying under PACE/PACENET, the program will pay the difference. If you have any questions, call the program's toll free number at 1-800-225-7223.

# 11. What happens if my Part D Plan charges lower co-payments than PACE/PACENET?

A. You will pay the lower co-payments.

# 12. Many Part D plans stop their coverage after you reach a certain dollar limit. This is referred to as the "donut hole." How will this work if I have PACE/PACENET?

A. You will not experience a "donut hole" or period of time when you have no prescription drug coverage. Instead, the PACE/PACENET program will fill in the gaps for covered medications, so that you can continue to get your prescriptions by only paying the PACE/PACENET co-pays (as long as the drugs are covered by PACE/PACENET).

# 13. What happens if my Part D Plan doesn't cover all of the drugs that PACE/PACENET covers?

A. The PACE/PACENET program will automatically pay for drugs that your Part D Plan won't cover, so long as these are drugs covered by PACE/PACENET. That means that if your Part D plan has a restrictive drug formulary, PACE/PACENET will cover your medications, or work directly with the plan to process a prior authorization on your behalf so the drugs will be covered by your Part D plan.

## 14. Can I go to any pharmacy I choose if I am in PACE and Medicare Part D?

A. No. You must use the pharmacies that are in your Part D plan's network. We picked a plan for you that works with the pharmacy where you usually get your prescriptions filled. If you decide to change pharmacies, check with your new pharmacy to make sure they participate in your Part D plan and PACE.

# 15. If my Part D plan offers a mail-order service, can I use it?

A. Yes, but the mail-order pharmacy must participate with the PACE Program in order for the program to help pay for your extra co-payments. Also, since you will be ordering a three-month supply of your drug(s) by mail, you will pay up to three PACE/PACENET co-payments at once. For example, a PACE cardholder would pay up to \$18 for a 90-day supply of generic medications.

### 16. Where can I get a list of the mail-order pharmacies that I can use?

A. PACE/PACENET cardholders enrolled in Part D will have to use the pharmacies that participate in the Part D plan's pharmacy network. If your Part D plan offers mail-order services, the plan will provide information regarding these pharmacies in their Welcome Kit and enrollment documents that will be sent to you.

If you want to find out whether a mail-order pharmacy also participates with PACE/PACENET, you can contact the program at 1-800-225-7223.

### 17. How did the program decide which Part D plan to enroll me in?

A. We reviewed the drugs that you take and the pharmacy you use most often. Then, we matched you up with a partner plan that covers your medications, offers you the lowest possible costs for your prescription drugs and works at the pharmacy you use.

#### 18. Which Part D Plans are partnering with PACE/PACENET?

The list changes every year. For a list of the Part D partner plans and their premium amounts, please contact the program at 1-800-255-7223.

### 19. Are these the only plans that I can enroll in?

A. No, but these plans have signed agreements with the program for 2009 that make it easier for the PACE program to coordinate with them and avoid confusion. Enrolling in a partner plan guarantees that you get the most help with your Part D plan costs.

### 20. Where can I get more information about the Part D plans available in PA?

A. Information about premiums, participating pharmacies and covered drugs for these companies, and any other Part D plan operating in Pennsylvania, is available by calling 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227 or 1-877-486-2048 (TTY)) or going on the web at: www.medicare.gov. Also, the Medicare & You Handbook mailed to all Medicare beneficiaries in the fall has a list of all the available plans in Pennsylvania.

# 21. When can I pick a different plan from the one that the program has chosen for me?

A. During the Open Enrollment Period from November 15, 2008 through December 31, 2008, anyone on Medicare can change their Part D plan. The PACE program will send its members notification regarding their personal plan selection before the start of this period. PACE/PACENET cardholders must contact the program by November 21, 2008 with any changes in their plan selections.

PACE/PACENET cardholders are eligible for one Special Enrollment Period per year. This means you can change the Part D plan in which you are enrolled or were assigned to one time outside the Open Enrollment Period.

If you want to enroll in a Part D plan that is not one of our Part D plans, let us know and call the Part D plan directly or Medicare at 1-800-633-4227.

# 22. If I am already enrolled in a Part D plan and have been paying my monthly premiums to the plan, will I still be switched over to the Part D plan that the PACE program picked for me?

A. Not necessarily. Shortly before the Open Enrollment Period, you will receive a letter from the program telling you whether they will be assigning you to a different plan. If you receive a letter, the choice of Part D plans is yours. You can either be assigned to the plan the program picks for you or notify the program that you want to stay in your current plan.

# 23. What should I do if I receive a bill from my Part D plan for the monthly premium?

A. For 2009, if you were assigned to one of the PACE/PACENET program's partner plans, you should not receive a bill from the Part D plan. If you receive a bill from your partner Part D plan, you should contact the PACE/PACENET program toll-free at 1-800-225-7223.

If you are enrolled in a non-partner Part D plan, you may receive a bill for the monthly premium:

- \* If you are a PACE member in a non-partner Part D plan that has signed a premium payment agreement with the program, you should not receive a monthly bill because PACE will pay the premium to the plan for you, as long as the monthly premium does not exceed \$29.23.
- \* If you are a PACE member in a non-partner Part D plan that does NOT have a signed premium payment agreement with the program, you will have to pay the monthly premium to the plan.
- \* All PACENET members who are in a non-partner Part D plan should receive a monthly premium bill from their Part D plan and are responsible for paying that premium directly to the plan.

# 24. If I am in a Medicare Advantage Plan without prescription drug coverage, do I have to change plans to enroll in Part D?

A. If you are in a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO/ PPO) without prescription drug coverage and you would like to enroll in Part D; you need to contact your Medicare Advantage Plan to see if they offer a Part D benefit. If they do, you should enroll through your Medicare Advantage plan in order to keep your doctor and other health care providers. If you are in PACE (as opposed to PACENET) the program will pay the Part D premium portion for you (up to \$29.23) if the plan has signed a premium payment agreement with the program. If your Medicare Advantage Plan does not offer a Part D benefit, then you may need to join a different Medicare Advantage Plan to get Part D. Keep in mind that changing Medicare Advantage plans may affect your choice of doctors.

#### 25. Do I have to enroll in Part D if I am enrolled in PACE/PACENET?

A. No. This program is voluntary. If you are in PACE/PACENET and you choose not to enroll in Part D, PACE/PACENET will continue to pay for your drugs as it has in the past.