

The Rural PACE Assessment Instrument

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The Self-Assessment Instrument consists of four(4) sections:

- Proposed Rural PACE Program and Service Area Description
- Critical Factors: Potential demand for services, community relationships and existing services, state environment, organizational capacity and committment
- Self-Rating
- Next Steps

Section 1: Proposed Rural PACE Program and Service Area Description

- General information
- Proposed service area description
- Rurality of service area
- Service area disease presence
- Additional populations

Section 2: Critical Factors

- Service Area's Potential Demand for Services
 - Demographic analysis of potential service area
 - 65+ population
 - Medicaid population
 - Nursing home eligible (clinically) population
- Market penetration analysis
- Data Sources: US Census Bureau, state Medicaid agency, local healthcare councils (AAA)

Section 2: Critical Factors

- Community resources and relationships – access to long-term care, existing partnerships, staffing issues, informal caregiving, technology, similar long-term care services
 - Access to long-term care services (eligibility and referral process for Medicaid recipients, single point of entry?)
 - Existing partnerships or alliances between health care, housing or aging services providers
 - Existing staffing (nurses, nurses aides, primary care, informal caregivers)
 - Telemedicine/Technology (potential to develop or already in place)
 - Related long-term care services (publicly funded, HCBP, community-based)

Section 2: Critical Factors

- State Environment – state long-term care programs, financing/funding issues, Medicaid eligibility issues
 - Is PACE consistent with state's long-term care goals?
 - What state agency will administer PACE (Medicaid, aging, managed care)
 - Licensing issues (adult day care, clinic, HMO)
 - Have state funding issues been explored? How will PACE be funded?
 - Medicaid eligibility (who processes, how long does it take, etc.)

Section 2: Critical Factors

- Organizational Capacity/Commitment – organizational resources and experience, current leadership and staff, resources and timelines, organizational support
 - Project resources and related experience (contact person, clinical leader, leadership team membership)
 - Experience in providing PACE services (primary care, adult day care, acute care, long-term care, housing, managing risk)
 - Resources (access to capital and start-up funding)
 - Organizational support (priorities and mission, strategic fit)

Section 3: Self-Rating

- Self-rating of organization's strength and 'completeness' with regard to each of the areas in Section 2, i.e. demographic need, organizational experience, priorities and mission,, etc.
- Identifies current strengths and weaknesses with regard to PACE development

Section 4: Next Steps

- Discuss the results of the assessment with your PACE development team
- Contact the National PACE Association at ruralpace@npaonline.org or 703-535-1517