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**Public Notice – Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
Request for Application (RFA)**

This public notice informs interested entities of the posting of a Request for Application (RFA) for the Illinois Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is issuing an RFA to solicit plans from entities interested in becoming a PACE Organization. Initially, PACE will be in five areas of the state: West Chicago, South Chicago, Southern Cook County, Peoria, and East St. Louis. Descriptions and maps of these five service areas may be found on the HFS [PACE](#) web page and are included in the Letter of Intent attachment to the RFA.

PACE is another type of community-based care that enables elderly individuals, who qualify for nursing facility level of care, to live as independently as possible in their homes and communities. PACE provides an alternative to traditional nursing facility care by offering comprehensive health care services designed to meet the following objectives:

- i. Enhance the quality of life and autonomy for frail, older adults;
- ii. Maximize the dignity of, and respect for, older adults;
- iii. Enable frail, older adults to live in the community as long as medically and socially feasible; and,
- iv. Preserve and support the older adult’s family unit.

The RFA can be found at [this link](#). The following is a list of several key dates for the RFA Process.

Activity	Date	Time/Notes
Window for Submission of Questions	November 20 – December 1, 2021	
Letter of Intent	November 29, 2021	5:00 PM CST
HFS Response to Questions	December 7, 2021	
Deadline for Submission of Applications	December 23, 2021	12:00 PM CST
Oral Presentations	January 25, 2022	

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the Division of Medical Programs via email at HFS.DMP.PACE@illinois.gov.