



OSF HealthCare hosts open house after OSF PACE launch

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(June 20, 2024 | Peoria, Illinois) – After a multi-year process, the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, or OSF PACE, has officially launched for the Greater Peoria region.

An open house was held at the OSF PACE facility at 719 N. William Kumpf Blvd. Suite 300 in Peoria, on Thursday, June 20.

“OSF PACE will really help the people in the Tri-County area stay in their home and community,” says Nathan Pritzker, executive director of OSF PACE. “PACE is designed to make the care coordination and aging in place process easier. We walk alongside the individual, support them in their needs and journey, and help them stay independent longer and healthier.”

The program officially launched on June 1, welcoming the first participants into the program.

The OSF PACE location also houses OSF Senior World, which has provided adult day care services for older individuals and those who are disabled or cognitively impaired, since 1981. OSF Senior World adult day care services will continue to be offered both independently and as part of the OSF PACE program.

What is PACE?

PACE is a Medicare and Medicaid risk-based care program with set fees that offers comprehensive, team-based medical and social services for seniors through collaborating health care agencies. PACE has already been deployed in over 30 other states prior to being introduced in Illinois.

The overarching goals of PACE are to improve the health and wellness of individuals at risk of having to be placed in a nursing home, while providing personalized solutions that improve outcomes, decrease disparities and are sustainable over time. The program offers all-inclusive support for older adults to age at home. PACE also brings relief to the growing number of family caregivers meeting the daily health care and social needs of older adults.

Who is eligible?

“Anyone who is 55 years of age or older, a resident of our service area and meets nursing home eligibility criteria can enroll in OSF PACE,” Pritzker says.

To learn more about PACE, you can get started by calling (833) 401-1679. In addition, you can visit the [OSF PACE website](#).

For more information on OSF PACE, head to the [OSF Newsroom article here](#) to learn more.



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