

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 7, 2008

TO: Family Care Partnership / PACE Managed Care Organization Directors

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SUBJECT: Contract Interpretation Bulletin Attached

The purpose of the attached contract interpretation bulletin is to clarify the policy of the Department of Health and Family Services in relation to expanding eligibility as allowed under Article XIX.D. of the contract between the Department of Health and Family Services and the Partnership and PACE managed care organizations.

In general, the Department is interested in allowing expansion of eligibility as quickly as budget constraints allow. Certain kinds of expansion can be accommodated with little or no budget implication for the Partnership and PACE programs. These include:

- Expansion in service areas where Family Care is available – in general, expansion in such areas should be coordinated with the ADRC enrollment plan and the planning consortium transition plan
- Enrollment of individuals relocated from a nursing home or ICF-MR – in general, services to such individuals should be coordinated with DHFS staff representing relocation initiatives

Attached you will find a contract interpretation bulletin intended to clarify these issues.

Please read and maintain this contract interpretation bulletin with your 2008 Partnership or PACE contract.

If you have questions, you may contact Marge Hannon-Pifer, Partnership/PACE Contract Manager at pifermh@dhfs.state.wi.us.

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Contract between Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services Division of Long Term Care and Partnership/PACE Plans

For CY 2008 Contract

CIB #2008-1 – Waiver to Expand Eligibility
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Related contract sections

Article XIX D.c.iii.
Article XIX D.d.iii.
Article XIX D.e.iii.

Statement of policy regarding waivers to expand eligibility

It is the policy of the Department of Health and Family Services that Family Care Partnership and PACE eligibility will be expanded whenever Family Care expands to a Partnership or PACE service area. Expansion of Partnership or PACE eligibility before Family Care expands in a service area represents an unanticipated increase in cost to the projected budget for the Partnership and PACE programs. DHFS may allow a Partnership or PACE managed care organization to expand eligibility if there is unused budget authority available within the program budget for such expansion.

As specified in Article XIX.D., a Partnership or PACE managed care organization may request a waiver to allow expanded eligibility. The Department will consider such requests in relation to the status of the budget for the Partnership and PACE programs.

The procedure for requesting and considering a waiver will be as follows:

1. The Partnership or PACE managed care organization submits a written request to the Partnership/PACE Contract Manager at the Partnership/PACE team mailbox (wpp-pace-admin@dhfs.state.wi.us)
2. The Partnership/PACE Contract Manager forwards the request to the Department's Family Care Expansion Budget Work Group
3. The Family Care Expansion Budget Work Group will consider such requests in relation to the current status of the budget for the Partnership and PACE programs and inform the Partnership/PACE Contract Manager whether the request can be accommodated in whole or in part
4. The Partnership/PACE Contract Manager will reply to the Partnership or PACE managed care organization, including any renegotiation of the original request – it is anticipated that this review and approval process will result in a reply within 30 days of receipt of the request

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