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Agency holds Jan. 13 webinar on Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly *Public invited to learn more about in-home and community-based long-term care options*

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services is hosting an educational webinar Jan. 13 from 12 to 12:30 p.m. CT, on the <u>Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly</u> (PACE). This is the latest in a series of webinars scheduled twice a month through mid-July to help North Dakotans learn more about available in-home and community-based services that offer an alternative to nursing home care.

PACE provides person-centered, coordinated care and services for participating adults, age 55 and older who have significant support needs. Participants will learn about the PACE program and the services and supports it can provide. PACE serves older adults who live in a PACE program service area and can live safely at home in the community with PACE services, even though they qualify for skilled nursing home care. Participants will also learn about how to access PACE and other in-home and community-based support services.

Details about this and other upcoming webinars, recordings of past webinars, and related information are available on the Adults and Aging Services Division's webpage at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/. People can participate by phone or online.

Older adults, adults with physical disabilities, their family members, advocates and other interested individuals are invited to participate. Individuals who need disability accommodations to participate can contact Michele Curtis at 701-328-8679, 711 (TTY) or <u>mimcurtis@nd.gov</u>.

According to the federal Administration for Community Living, about six of every 10 American adults will need help during their lifetime with activities like getting dressed, making meals, or other daily tasks. The webinars are intended to help North Dakotans become aware of care options.

The Aging and Adult Services Division works with partners to help older adults and adults with physical disabilities remain living in their homes and communities. It also acts to protect the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care residents and vulnerable adults living in the community.

To learn more and find services, contact the Aging and Disability Resource link toll-free at 855-462-5465, 711 (TTY), email <u>carechoice@nd.gov</u>, or apply for services online at <u>https://carechoice.nd.assistguide.net/</u>.

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