

Serenity Care PACE

ETHICAL ISSUES

Policy: Serenity Care PACE shall review ethical issues whenever they arise.

The Serenity Care PACE Program recognizes that issues of an ethical nature related to the participant, Serenity Care PACE Program and the provision of services may develop. Such issues may include but are not limited to:

- Informed Consent
- High technology and medical experimentation
- Accepting or refusing care
- Advance Directives
- Care for persons with inadequate reimbursement for home care services
- Decision making
- Client safety
- Standards of care
- Confidentiality
- Right to freedom of choice, dignity and movement
- Billing practices
- Accurate written materials used in marketing Serenity Care PACE Program services

Serenity Care PACE will:

- Provide care within an ethical framework established by the professional disciplines provided by the Serenity Care PACE Program, established in Serenity Care PACE Program policy and procedure, and as established in the law
- Include the participant and/or his/her representative in any discussion concerning ethical issues and to document such involvement
- Include Serenity Care PACE Program staff and the participant's physician participate in the consideration and resolution of ethical issues
- Furnish staff with education regarding ethics and the mechanisms available to assist them with consideration and resolution of ethical issues

The Serenity Care PACE Program Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) or other designated individual(s) or group may serve as a resource to assist in the consideration of ethical issues. Anyone may initiate consideration by notifying the PACE Director and/or PACE Center Nurse of a potential or actual concern. The PACE Director or PACE Center Nurse shall present the issues at a meeting of the committee as soon as possible. Minutes shall be kept of the meeting, and as appropriate, staff, the participant and the participant's physician shall be advised of the results of the meeting in a manner appropriate to the individual situation.

The Serenity Care PACE Program shall address ethical issues related to marketing, admission, transfer, discharge and billing practices as well as participant/clinical dilemmas.