

Medical Assistance Program Oversight  
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**Program of All Inclusive Care for  
the Elderly – PACE**

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**PACE – Program of All-Inclusive Care for the  
Elderly: *Innovation, Compassion and Value in  
Caring for America’s Dual Eligibles***



# PACE Provides Community-Based, Comprehensive, Fully-Accountable Care

## Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly:

- Established as a permanent Medicare and Medicaid provider in 1997
  - Cares for more than 22,000 people
  - Includes 76 sponsoring organizations in 29 states
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- PACE serves people who are:
    - 55 years or older
    - Living in a PACE service area
    - Certified as needing nursing home care
    - Able to live safely in community with PACE services at time of enrollment



# PACE is Community-Based



- PACE provides innovative, person-centered care for older adults that allows them to stay in their homes and communities and out of nursing homes

*“PACE’s help in being able to keep mom at home has enabled us to keep our family together.”*

*Family Member of a PACE Participant*

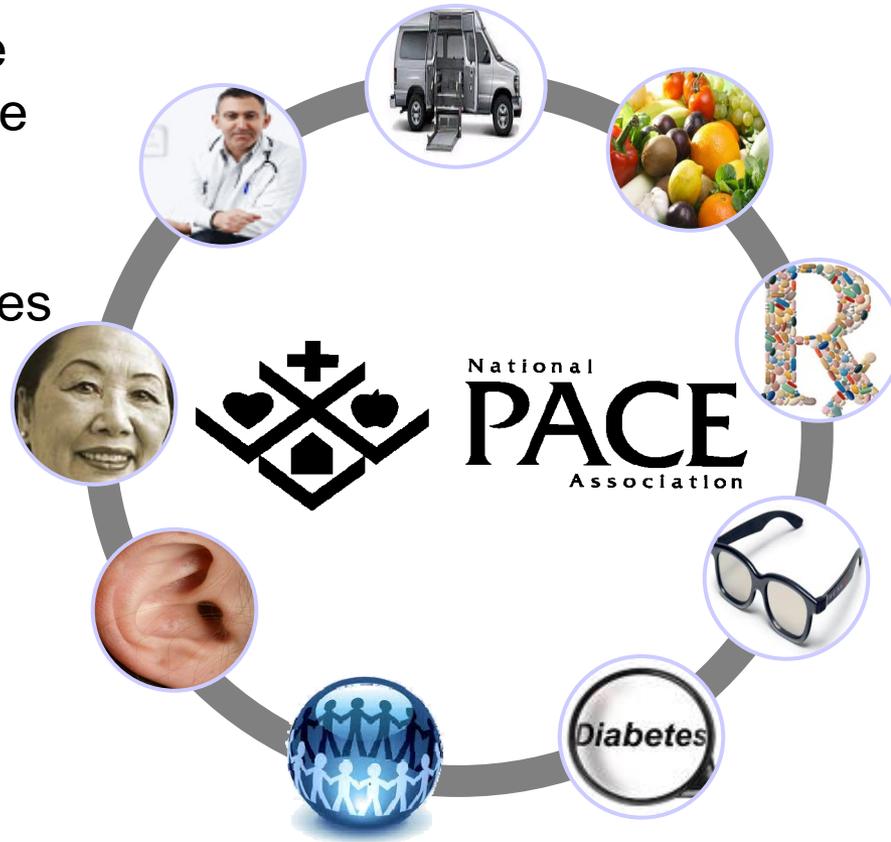
# PACE Provides Coordinated and Comprehensive Care

- Employs interdisciplinary teams to deliver and coordinate care across care settings
  - Doctors, nurses, therapists, social workers, dietitians, personal care aides, and other providers
  - Day centers, clinics, occupational and physical therapy facilities
  - Individuals' homes
  - Hospitals and nursing homes, if necessary
- Bundles Medicare and Medicaid payments to provide full range of health care services
  - Medical care, social services, and other long-term services and supports



# Integrated, Comprehensive Care...a More Efficient Use of Health Care Resources

- medical care
- personal care
- prescription drugs
- social services
- audiology
- dentistry
- optometry
- podiatry
- home health care



- transportation
- physical therapy
- occupational therapy
- recreational therapy
- meals
- nutritional counseling
- speech therapy
- respite care

Hospital and nursing home care when necessary

# PACE is Fully-Accountable for the Cost and Quality of Care Provided

- How can we move from successfully treating individual diseases, to successfully caring for individuals? Can we do it for less?
  - Proven track record in preserving wellness and promoting quality care
  - Integrated and fixed-rate financing system reduces the cost of care compared to nursing home care substantially
  - A recent HHS report found PACE generates better health outcomes

# A Long History Serving Dual Eligibles, Where One Size Does Not Fit All

- 90 percent of PACE participants are dual eligibles (Medicare & Medicaid eligible)
- Dual eligibles have multiple, complex conditions and benefit from the PACE model of comprehensive, individualized care

# History and Unique Approach Makes PACE Distinct

- 30+ year track record
- Direct, hands-on *provider*
- Accepts full financial risk for participants' cost and health care
- Exclusively serves a subset of the dual eligible population – frail, older adults

# PACE Responds to Tough Health Care Challenges for Families, Providers, Payers



## For Consumers – participants/caregivers:

- Comprehensive, preferred method of care
- Stay in the community as long as possible
- One-stop shopping



## For Providers:

- Freedom from traditional FFS restrictions
- Focus on the entire range of needs of individual



## For Payers:

- Value and predictable expenditures
- Comprehensive service package

# New Opportunities for PACE

## Recent History

- Number of PACE organizations doubled in last 5 years to 76:
  - Rural PACE grants – 13 rural programs
  - More diversity among interested sponsors (e.g., hospices)
  - State interest in PACE expansion

## Looking Ahead

- PACE/Veterans Administration Start-up Program
- New demonstrations being developed to
  - Expand current PACE program and offer the model to different populations that would benefit from its services
- June 2012 MEDPAC Recommendations

# Questions/Comments



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