

SUPPORT CONFIRMING THE PACE PROGRAM IN STATE STATUTE

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Issue Bill Addresses:

The PACE program has been serving older adults in Massachusetts through MassHealth for 30 years. Since 1990, PACE programs in Massachusetts have been providing a continuum of care right at home to older adults who are nursing home eligible and are interested in receiving care in the community. However, this decades old, well-established program has never had a place in state statute to reference.

Availability of PACE:

There are 24 PACE Centers across MA serving 271 cities and towns in Massachusetts.

What the Legislation does:

This legislation creates an enabling statute for the PACE program reflecting what is already established through MassHealth regulations and policies.

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What is PACE:

PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) serves nursing-home eligible adults age 55+ who have Medicare and Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance. PACE Centers include primary care and rehabilitation clinics and socialization centers.

PACE participants receive coordinated care provided by an Interdisciplinary team who are employed by PACE.

Only a small percentage of PACE members reside in nursing homes, most reside at home in their communities.

PACE Provides:

- Primary and Specialty Care
- Behavioral Health Care
- Dental Care
- Prescription Drug Coverage
- Medical Transportation
- Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapy
- Nutritional Services & Meals
- Vision Care & Hearing Aids
- Social and Community Supports
- Nursing Home Care (if needed)

For more information about PACE programs in Massachusetts- www.masspace.net