



# SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

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## **Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Plus Act (PACE Plus Act, S. 1162)**

### **Why do we need the PACE Plus Act?**

Roughly [14 million](#) Americans have a serious health problem that requires long-term services and supports (LTSS). Over half of the individuals that require LTSS are ages 65 and up, yet few options exist to support seniors and people with disabilities as they age in their homes and communities. Medicaid is one option that offers States several pathways to provide home and community-based services (HCBS), but more than [800,000](#) individuals are on waitlists to receive these much needed services. The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is an alternative model of care to traditional HCBS that relieves pressure on Medicaid HCBS waitlists.

PACE provides comprehensive care for low-income seniors and people with disabilities ages 55 and up by integrating Medicare coverage and Medicaid LTSS. PACE's interdisciplinary approach and wrap-around care enables 55,000 individuals across [30 States](#) to remain in their homes, which is overwhelmingly where they prefer to live. PACE programs provide health care and supportive services for some of the most medically-complex individuals, resulting in [fewer hospitalizations and visits to the emergency room](#), as well as reduced caregiver burden. Although the PACE model has existed nationally for more than 25 years, PACE programs have not had the flexibility and support they need to expand services and test new and innovative models of service delivery.

### **What will the PACE Plus Act do?**

The PACE Plus Act would bolster the PACE model of care by:

- Increasing the number of PACE programs nationally by making it easier for States to adopt PACE as a model of care and providing grants to organizations to start PACE centers or expand existing PACE centers;
- Expanding the number of seniors and people with disabilities eligible to receive PACE services by ensuring individuals with a high-level of care need are eligible for PACE and incentivizing States to grow their PACE programs; and
- Reducing the administrative burden on PACE programs through improved technical assistance and streamlined application processes.

**Supporters:**

- 1) National PACE Association
- 2) Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana
- 3) Alzheimer's Association
- 4) Alzheimer's Impact Movement
- 5) American Association on Health and Disability
- 6) CalPACE
- 7) Community Catalyst
- 8) Easterseals
- 9) Florida PACE Providers Association
- 10) Justice in Aging
- 11) Lakeshore Foundation
- 12) LeadingAge
- 13) MassPACE Association
- 14) National Association of councils on Developmental Disabilities
- 15) New Jersey Hospital Association
- 16) New Jersey PACE Association
- 17) New York State PACE Alliance
- 18) North Carolina PACE Association
- 19) PACE Association of Michigan
- 20) Pennsylvania LIFE Provider Alliance
- 21) Rhode Island Association of PACE Providers
- 22) Tabula Rasa HealthCare
- 23) Trinity Health PACE
- 24) Virginia PACE Alliance
- 25) West Health Institute