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PACE Day at the Capitol to Educate on the Value of Aging in Place

Lansing, MI (May 8, 2023) – Fourteen Michigan PACE organizations (Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) will gather on the Capitol lawn Tuesday, May 16 to raise awareness of a program that supports seniors living at home despite being nursing home-eligible.

PACE is an innovative model of care that allows seniors with long-term care needs to remain living in their community for as long as possible, as independently as possible. Not only is this a healthier way to live, but it's more cost-effective. On average, states pay PACE programs 13% less than the cost of other Medicaid services. In Michigan, PACE programs currently serve more than 4,000 seniors. While 100% of these participants are nursing-home eligible, 95% of them are living in the community.

“Our goal with this event is to educate Michigan legislators about the value of PACE, how it benefits their constituents, and how they can help expand services to more seniors in our state,” said Stephanie Winslow, PACE Association of Michigan Executive Director. “The more our state leaders can do to help residents at all income levels and walks of life maintain their independence, the better. It’s a win for everyone.”

The PACE Day at the Capitol event will include remarks from special guest Elizabeth Hertel, Director, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, PACE Association of Michigan Awards presentation, a call to action and a legislative luncheon on the Capitol lawn. Participants and staff from PACE programs across the state will be on hand to share stories of how PACE has positively impacted their lives.

The PACE Association of Michigan is a 501(c)(6) association dedicated to the expansion of comprehensive health care services to the frail elderly through the Program of All-inclusive Care for Elderly (PACE). The Association was officially incorporated in March of 2015. Today there are 14 independent PACE organizations in 21 Michigan locations providing comprehensive services for seniors in partnership with a team of health care professionals. All PACE organizations share the same goal: improve the health and maintain the independence of older adults while honoring their desire to live in their community. Nationally, 150 PACE programs operate 273 PACE centers in 32 states and the District of Columbia, serving approximately 60,000 participants.

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