



## Third Annual PACE Day at the Capitol Event

**Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 13, 2024** – Care Resources is taking its mission of keeping seniors out of nursing homes to Michigan’s Capitol on Wednesday, May 22 in a “silver caravan” with more than 30 participants and staff.

As a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, or PACE, Care Resources is heading to Lansing to raise awareness of a program that enables people 55 years and older to live independently in their own homes, which saves Medicaid and Medicare dollars, enhances their health, improves the lives of their caregivers, and a host of other benefits.

The West Michigan group will join 14 other Michigan PACE organizations for the annual [PACE Day at the Capitol](#) event to educate legislators about the value of PACE, how it benefits their constituents and how they can help expand services in our state. PACE participants will also tell their legislators their stories of how the program has enhanced their lives and supported them in their home.

Why is this important?

- **Incoming Silver Tsunami:** Starting in 2025, some 10,000 Americans will turn 80 every day, and by 2030, all 73 million boomers will be of retirement age, [Senior Housing Business](#) reports.
- [Research](#) shows PACE programs provide **a higher level of care** that keeps older adults out of nursing homes and hospitals. PACE offers **respite to caregivers**, too.
- While 100% of PACE participants are nursing-home eligible, **95%** are living in the community, saving significant funds while providing enhanced quality of life.
- PACE saves taxpayer dollars. On average, states pay PACE programs **13% less** than the cost of other Medicaid services.
- Even though the national program has been around **50+ years**, PACE and its benefits are not widely known – and that means many people who would benefit from the program aren’t aware.

For more information about Care Resources, visit [careresources.org](https://careresources.org).

### About Care Resources

Care Resources is a community-based program for people 55 years or older that promotes healthy, independent living and helps prevent nursing home placement. The Care Resources team of healthcare professionals works with older adults and their families to develop a comprehensive care plan — helping participants to make medical decisions every step of the way. For more information, visit [careresources.org](https://careresources.org).

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