

Fact Sheet



2017 Congressional Requests

Medicaid Funding Caps Jeopardize Frail Elders' Access to PACE

NPA is gravely concerned that the proposed per capita amounts will significantly reduce funding to state Medicaid programs that already are struggling to provide care for the vulnerable population of high-cost, high-need individuals that PACE organizations serve. If Congress continues with a per capita funding methodology, NPA strongly recommends that within each beneficiary category (e.g., Aged, Blind and Disabled) state Medicaid programs have distinct per capita amounts for people who need a nursing home level of care, with adjustments for health, functional and cognitive impairment status.

Contact CMS in Support of Issuing PACE Final Rule

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a proposed rule (CMS 4168-P) on Aug. 16, 2016, but has yet to release the final rule. The revisions to the PACE program in the proposed rule are the first since the original regulation was issued in 2006. Until a final rule is issued, PACE organizations continue to function under decade-old regulations that constrain growth, increase operating costs, and limit beneficiary access to this proven model of care. Please contact CMS to support the timely issuance of the PACE regulation update.

Contact CMS in Support of PACE Pilots Serving New Populations

The PACE Innovation Act provided CMS with the authority to conduct PACE pilots that would serve new populations. Please contact CMS to support implementation of the PACE pilots, as unanimously authorized by Congress. Additionally, NPA asks Congress to ensure that either CMMI or another clearly designated agency continues to be authorized to conduct these PACE pilots in the event that the Affordable Care Act is repealed and replaced.

Enhance PACE Affordability and Access for Medicare-Only Beneficiaries

NPA requests that Medicare-only beneficiaries have access to PACE in all states at a private-pay premium rate that reflects their specific level of need and with a choice of affordable Part D plans for their prescription drug needs. Please sponsor legislation that would enhance PACE access and affordability for Medicare beneficiaries.

The National PACE Association advances the efforts of PACE programs across the country.