



PACE Pilot Act Fact Sheet

The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a comprehensive, fully-integrated, provider-based health plan with a proven track record of high quality care for people with chronic illnesses and functional disabilities. Current eligibility requirements restrict PACE access to individuals who are 55 or older and require a nursing home level of care.

Working with Congressional allies in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, NPA supported the recent (10/21/2015) passage of the PACE Pilot Act by both chambers. In the Senate, Senators Pat Toomey (R-PA) and Tom Carper (D-DE) introduced the bill where it received unanimous support from the Senate Finance Committee and on the Senate floor. In the House, Congressmen Chris Smith (R-NJ), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Kevin Brady (R-TX) and Jim McDermott (D-WA) were original cosponsors of the PACE Innovation Act, with widespread, bipartisan support from numerous additional sponsors. The House approved the bill by voice vote. The bill was signed into law by the President on November 5, 2015.

The PACE Pilot Act:

- Allows the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to develop pilots using the PACE model to serve those under 55 years of age and those at risk of needing a nursing home. Currently PACE programs are limited to serving those 55 and older who have already reached the stage of needing a nursing home level of care.
- Encourages CMS to allow operational flexibilities that would support adaptation of the PACE model for new populations and promote PACE growth, efficiency and innovation.

The text of the law is available at:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s1362enr/pdf/BILLS-114s1362enr.pdf>.

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