

# MEDICAID, HCBS & PACE

## INVEST IN HOME & COMMUNITY-BASED CARE

Home and community-based services (HCBS) and care are preferred by many older adults, but the existing funding and infrastructure make this impossible.

### ENACT LEGISLATION TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND HCBS AND CARE:

- Enact the HCBS Relief Act (S. 3118) or The Better Care Better Jobs Act (H.R. 1493 / S. 100) that would continue Medicaid HCBS investments and build on state gains, preserve adult day programs, expand the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and support the direct care workforce. The bills would also authorize funding for administration and evaluate which services and interventions are most effective.
- Include the adult day care setting as a traditional Medicare benefit.
- Enact the Expanding Veterans' Options for Long-Term Care Act (S. 495 / H.R. 1815) to authorize a three-year pilot for eligible veterans to receive assisted living care paid for by Veterans Affairs.
- Reauthorize the Older Americans Act (OAA) at funding levels that expand access to community-based services like adult day and respite care, and OAA-funded home care services.

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## IMPROVE & EXPAND THE PACE PROGRAM

The PACE model truly integrates care for older adults and facilitates remaining in the community with robust support. There are currently regulatory and financial barriers to accessing and expanding PACE that should be removed to allow more older adults to access this program.

### ENACT LEGISLATION THAT IMPROVES AND EXPANDS PACE:

- Enact the Delivering Unified Access to Lifesaving Services (DUALS) Act (S. 3950), which ensures that PACE must be offered by states as part of a suite of integrated model options, removes administrative barriers to PACE enrollment and expansion, and expands access to PACE to new populations.
- Enact the PACE Part D Choice Act (S. 1703/H.R. 3549), which would allow Medicare-only PACE participants to choose either a PACE-sponsored or standalone Part D plan, depending on what is in the best interests of the individual's financial position.