

PACE

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

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NC PACE
ASSOCIATION

What is PACE?

- Alternative to institutional care for the frail elderly
- Originated by family members
- Permanent Medicare program (1997)
- Medicaid program since 2008 in NC
- Capitated, comprehensive, coordinated, *managed care*



Examples of Success

Proven quality outcomes

- *Quality of life*
- *Caregiver support*



NC PACE Video

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Who Is Served?

NEED HELP WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING



Dressing



Bathing



Transferring



Toileting



Eating



Walking

3-4: 31%

5-6: 35%

Average number of ADLs with which participants need assistance

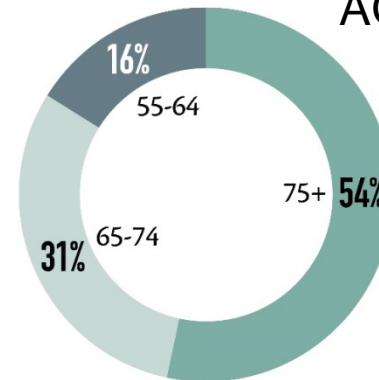
TOP 5 DIAGNOSES PLUS DEMENTIA

- 41% Diabetes with Complications
- 35% Polyneuropathy
- 31% Congestive Heart Failure
- 28% Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- 25% Vascular Disease



51% Dementia

AGE



Who Is Eligible?

- Lives in a PACE service area
- 55 years of age or older
- Meets Medicaid criteria for nursing home level of care
- Able to live in a community setting, when enrolled, without jeopardizing health or safety



Current PACE Service Areas (Yellow)



NC PACE Challenges

1. State-imposed restrictions on growth and expansion
2. Duplicative and unnecessary regulations
3. Accurate and timely payment



Challenge #1: Growth and Expansion

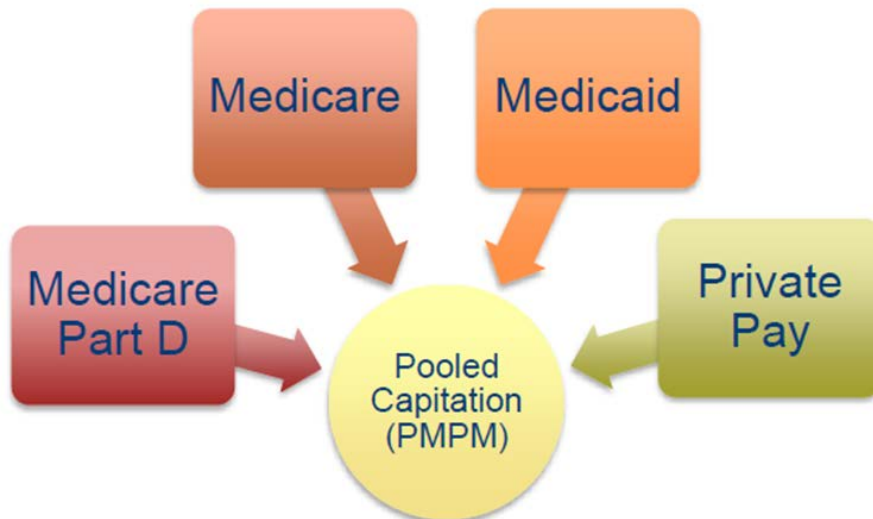
- Touching only 36 of 100 counties
- Growth curtailed by enrollment freeze and caps
- Requests and applications to serve new areas pending since 2013
- Association expansion plan submitted 2015

Challenge #2: State Regulations

- Federally regulated by Medicare – CMS
- Additional, unnecessary state regulations, such as Adult Day Center Certification

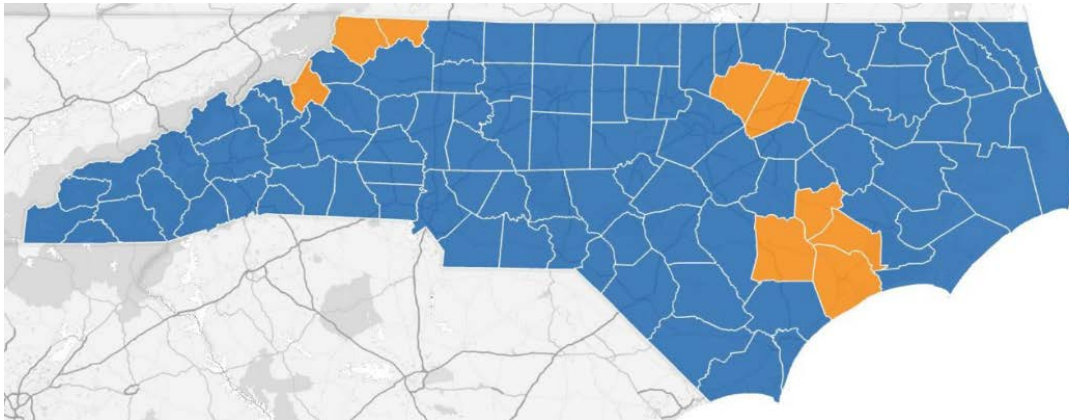
Challenge #3: Accurate Payment

- PACE is a capitated managed care program with **full-risk** for ALL necessary care
- Medicaid monthly capitated payments are consistently wrong - overpayments and underpayments



Recommendation #1: Allow PACE to Grow and Expand

- Allow all North Carolinians access to PACE, especially our rural residents
- Establish strategic plan/timeline and appropriate budget for extending PACE services throughout the state



Recommendation #2: Unnecessary Regulations

- Work with NC PACE Association to identify regulations that should be eliminated, simplified, or revised



Recommendation #3: Assure Accurate and Timely Payments

- Centralize PACE payment and eligibility within DMA
- Will save time and administrative costs for both state and PACE organizations
- Can serve as pilot to ensure accurate payments when Medicaid managed care is rolled out

**“Thank you for keeping us
in our homes!”**



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