

PACE Expansion: Building Communities for Frail Elders

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PACE Innovation Act, November 2015

- ▲ Law provides Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) with broad statutory authority to adapt PACE:
 - Eligibility
 - Delivery system
 - Payment
 - And most other requirements
- ▲ CMMI cannot waive:
 - 1) Comprehensiveness of services, no co-pays and deductibles
 - 2) Voluntary enrollment and disenrollment



Directions of Expansion in PACE

Age	At Risk Population		Nursing Home LOC	
	Medicare Only	Dual	Medicare Only	Dual
Under 55	Another Expansion Population	Another Expansion Population	Another Expansion Population	Another Expansion Population
Over 55	Frail Elder PACE Expansion	Frail Elder PACE Expansion	Current Program Allows; Frail Elder PACE Expansion Enables	Current Program

What is the Need Among Frail Elders and How Could PACE Expansion Help?



Increasingly frail, needing ready access to comprehensive care and coordination -- Many are not eligible yet for nursing home level of care; virtually all have Medicare, but many not yet financially eligible for Medicaid.



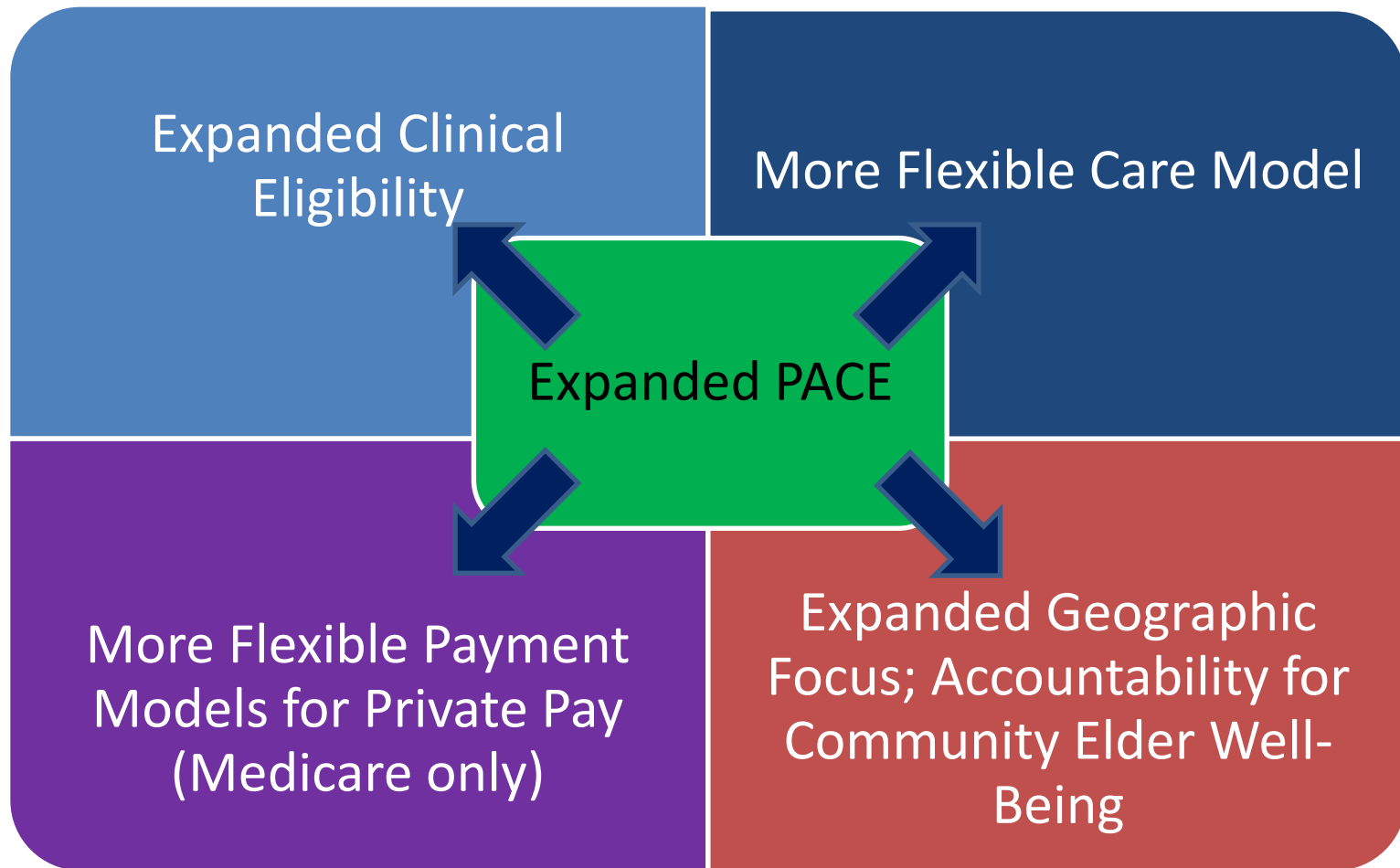
These patients can pay privately for risk-stratified LTSS services.

Frail Elder PACE Expansion Populations

Service Population #1: Enroll dual eligibles with progressive disabilities over the age of 55 who are in worsening and fragile health but not yet at the state's nursing home level of care.

Service Population # 2: Enroll Medicare-only beneficiaries with complex or progressive disabilities, whether or not at the nursing home level of care.

Components of the Frail Elder Expanded PACE Program



Private Pay for Medicare-Only Enrollees

- ▲ Medicare-only beneficiaries will have more resources available to them (than dual-eligibles) and therefore can make more choices, seek more flexibility, take more risks (spend their own money)
- ▲ All beneficiaries would receive the essential PACE package: assessment, care planning and navigation, coordination, access to appropriate specialists and services, access to the PACE center, stand-by services
- ▲ Enrollees will have various and changing needs and preferences, so progressive tiers (groups of services) and some menu-driven services would be priced and available in the negotiated care plan

A Proposed set of LTSS Tiers



- Introductory package with comprehensive assessment, care planning and navigation
- Available to Medicare beneficiaries for a modest fee (before PACE enrollment)

- Ongoing comprehensive assessment, care planning, navigation, caregiver training and support, medication management
- Short-term day care, short-term respite, adapted transportation, 24/7 on call assistance

- All of the above plus personal care services of up to 45 hrs per week, including regular day care
- More bundles or a menu for some services may be better

- All of the above plus personal care of more than 45 hours per week or long term nursing home placement

Frail Elder PACE Expansion – Effects

- Savings from careful use of high-cost Medicare services would be used to support:
 - Service supply gaps and quality problems
 - Workforce development
 - Community planning and management, dashboard implementation
- State savings would accrue from slowing Medicaid spend-down rates
- Frail elders (Medicare-only and duals) would have longitudinal, integrated care plans, more flexible service availability, and slower spend-down, enhancing the last years of life

PACE Expansion will enable quality monitoring and management for the community's frail elders

▲ Community Board

- Helps to determine priority service needs in local community for frail elders
- Monitors, guides and manages system capacity and quality

▲ Community Dashboard

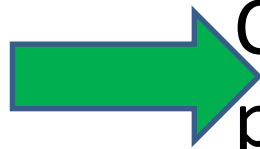
- Reports on measures of quality and supply that are important to frail elders, making performance metrics publicly available

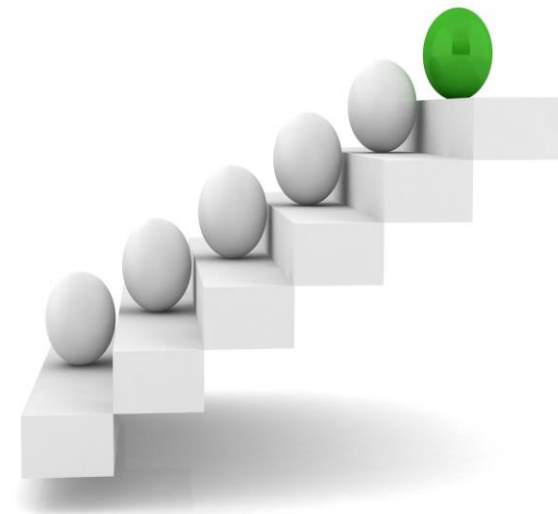
Expanded PACE Organizations serving most frail elders in a community will anchor “MediCaring Communities” by:

- *Enabling all frail elders and their families to get the long term care services, mostly at home*
- *Delivering and/or managing services that reflect each elder’s situation and goals*
- *Supporting a community board that sets community priorities on behalf of all frail elderly people and monitors progress*
- *Re-investing savings from better medical care and the effects of adequate social supports in community priorities.*

Next Steps to Operationalizing PACE Expansion Pilot Programs

- ▲ Working with National PACE Association, identify PACE organizations and states to develop the model
 - Refine LTSS service tiers and payment
 - Develop details of service delivery model
 - Plan community monitoring/improvement

 CMMI issues solicitation and pilot sites get underway!



Questions and Discussion

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