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#### The NACHC Mission

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) was founded in 1971 to promote efficient, high quality, comprehensive health care that is accessible, culturally and linguistically competent, community directed, and patient centered for all.



# Is PACE in Your Health Center's Future of Caring for Aging Populations

Tuesday May 3, 2021 1pm-2pm EDT



### TODAY'S GOALS

- Understand of the national landscape of the PACE program
  - Current legislative environment
  - PACE 2.0 and Growth Outlook
  - Impact of COVID-19 on PACE
- Understand how a PACE Program Operates Locally
  - Piedmont Health SeniorCare (Chapel Hill, NC)
- Understand how COVID-19 impacted PACE nationally





# TODAY'S SPEAKERS







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# Programs for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

- Snapshot of PACE
- Current Legislative Environment
- PACE 2.0 Initiative & PACE Growth



# **Snapshot of PACE**



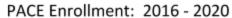
# Who Does PACE Serve?

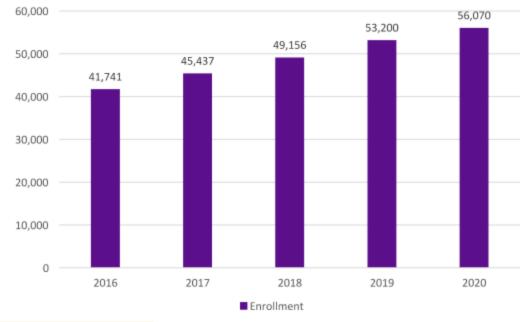
- § 55 and older
- § At nursing home level of care
- § Able to live in the community at the time of enrollment – with support of PACE
- § Live in PACE service area
- § 90% Dual-Eligibles
  - · All Medicare benefits
  - · All Medicaid benefits
  - Capitated Monthly Rate











138 Organizations

268 Centers 31 States



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# **CHC Sponsored PACE Organizations**

PACE Organization	City	State
Altamed	Los Angeles	CA
Central Valley PACE	Modesto	CA
Family Health Center for		
Older Adults	San Diego	CA
Northeast Medical Services	San Francisco	CA
San Diego PACE/San Ysidro		
Health	San Diego	CA
Element Care*	Lynn	MA
Harbor Health Elder Service		
Plan	Dorchester	MA

PACE Organization	City	State
Neighborhood PACE	East Boston	MA
Uphams PACE	Boston	MA
Piedmont Health SeniorCare	Carrboro	NC
PACE of Southern Piedmont*	Charlotte	NC
Senior Total Life Care*	Gastonia	NC
International Community Health Services	Seattle	WA

<sup>\*</sup>Joint venture between a community health center and another organization (e.g. AAA, LTSS)



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# **Current Legislative Environment**



# The American Rescue Plan (P.L. 117-2)

- § Passed in House and Senate
- § Signed by President Biden
- § Enhanced 10% federal match for HCBS, incl. PACE
- § For increased or expanded services
- § One year (4/1/21 3/31/22)
- § CMS yet to issue guidance to states

HCBS: Home and Community Based Services



# The PACE Plus Act, S. 1162

- § Expanding access and affordability
- Grants for rural and medically underserved areas
- Medicare beneficiary access in states without PACE
- Health status adjusted rates for Medicare-only
- State option to expand eligibility
- § Reducing administrative barriers
- Grants for state administering agencies
- Continuous enrollment throughout the month
- Expedited application reviews
- CMS coordinated oversight (FCHCO)
- § PACE Pilots



# The Ensuring Parity in MA and PACE for Audio-only Telehealth Act, H.R. 2166/S. 150

### §Senate sponsors

- Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
- Tim Scott (R-SC)

### §House sponsors

- Terri Sewell (D-AL7)
- Gus Bilirakis (R-FL12)
- §Requires acceptance of audio-only telehealth encounters for risk adjustment purposes in 2020 and 2021
- §Guardrails
  - Diagnoses must relate to a chronic disease/condition
  - Provider must have treated participant within the last 3 years



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# PACE Part D Choice – Coming Soon

### **Champions**

- §Senate
  - Tom Carper (D-DE)
  - Pat Toomey (R-PA)

### §House

- Earl Blumenauer (D-OR3)
- Jackie Walorski (R-IN2)

#### **Overview**

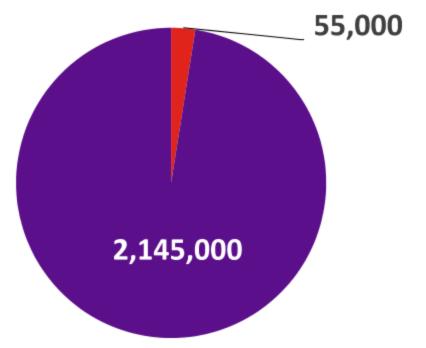
- §Medicare-only option
- §Standalone Part D plan
- §PACE and Part D plan coordination requirements
- §PACE Part D premiums are 20x more costly (\$843.88 x month v \$41 x month)



# PACE 2.0 Initiative & PACE Growth



### **PACE Growth Needed**



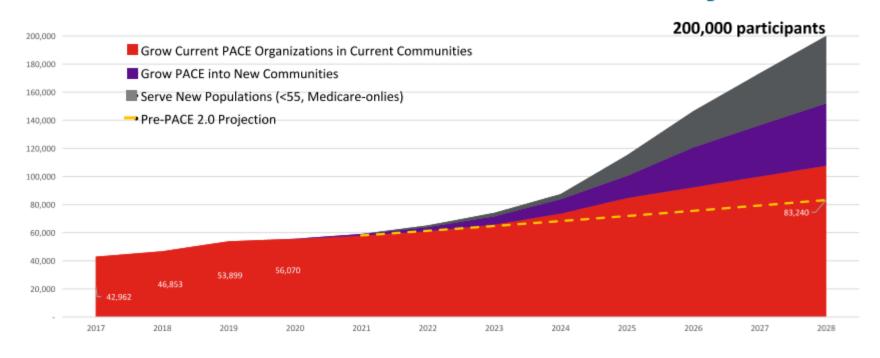
- 2.2M Number of low income, older adults, needing LTSS
- ~55K Number of older adults PACE serves
- 14% Percent of the 55K served by CHC/PACE





LTSS: Long-term services and supports; CHC: Community Healthcare Centers

# PACE 2.0 Initiative: 200,000 Enrollees by 2028

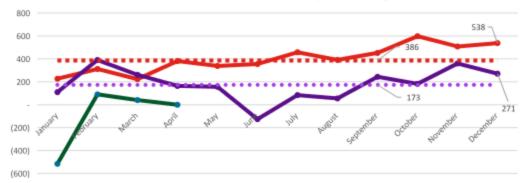


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# **PACE Enrollment During COVID-19 PHE**





	Estimated National Net Change in Monthly Enrollment											
Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	227	312	223	381	338	355	458	391	452	598	508	538
2020	110	391	261	164	157	(126)	84	55	244	182	360	271
2021	(516)	90	40	(0)								



**2020 12-Month Median** 

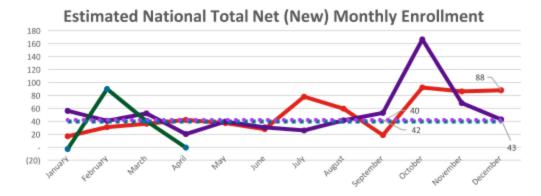
#### Data Sources:

- · NPA analysis based on:
  - CMS monthly Medicare enrollment data
  - Self-reported annual Medicaidonly census percentages



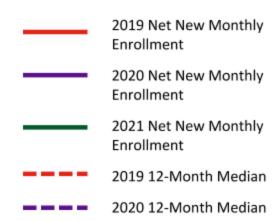
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# **CHC/PACE Growth During COVID-19 PHE**



	Feb. Mar. Apr. May Jun. Jul. Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. Dec.											
Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	17	31	36	42	37	28	78	60	19	92	86	88
2020	56	41	52	20	40	31	26	42	53	166	68	43
2021	(3)	90	40	(0)								





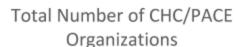
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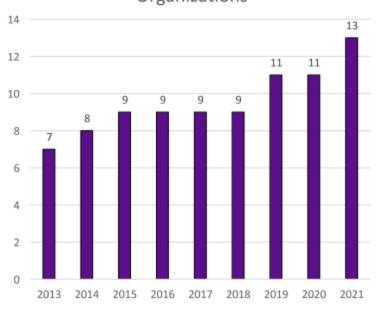
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- Self-reported annual Medicaid-only census percentages

#### Note:

- Two new programs began enrolling in Q4 2019
- One new program contract in 2021 has not begun enrolling and one new program began enrolling in Q1 2021

# **CHC Are PACE Leaders**





# §Some CHC/PACE are leaders in:

- Serving the largest number older adults in PACE
- Growing PACE
- Innovation



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### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Health centers are a pillar of PACE 2.0 and key partners to the program's growth
- •Several pieces of legislation could help to enhance, grow, and offer new opportunities for health centers

Transition to Piedmont slides





















Welcome to Piedmont Health

#### **Our Mission**

We are driven every day by our belief that all people deserve access to timely, high-quality, and affordable health care, regardless of their circumstance.

We serve people of all ages and from all walks of life, and we want each person to feel comfortable and confident in their health care team.

We value our relationships with those we serve, and are proud and honored to be both serving the 5th generation of some families, while also welcoming thousands of newcomers each year.







# Our Impact

Piedmont

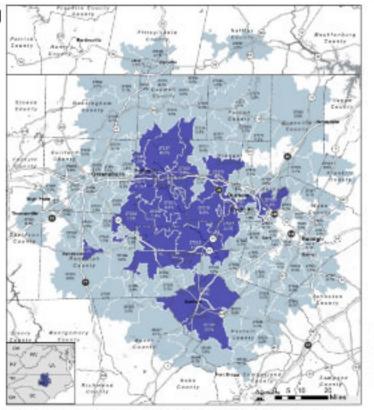
From humble beginnings, Piedmont Health has grown into an organization making a regional impact on health care access and health disparities in North Carolina.

We now operate ten community health centers and two adult day health centers with a staff of more than 500 health professionals.

Our high-quality primary care medical home model is recognized by The Joint Commission and the National Committee for Quality Assurance.







The Piedmont Health service area is more than 3400 square miles – larger than the state of Delaware.

- shading represents where 75% of Piedmont Health patients hail from
- shading represents where the remainder of Piedmont Health patients half from

# Community Health Centers Core Services











#### Medical

Medical teams provide full-spectrum primary care to people of all ages, including checkups, prenatal care and family planning, sick care, and chronic illness management including medical nutrition support.

#### Dental

Six dental practices provide dental services for children and adults, including cleanings, sealants, fillings and extractions, and prosthodontic services, with onsite x -ray.

#### Primary Care Behavioral

Health
Licensed behavioral
health care
consultants are a part
of our clinical care
teams and address
the emotional health,
substance use, and
chronic illness
management
concerns of patients
as they are identified.

#### Care Support

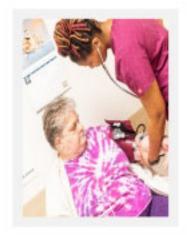
Care managers, language interpreters, WIC, outreach, eligibility and referral staff ensure wholeperson, coordinated care both within Piedmont Health and with the larger health care system.

#### Pharmacy

Eight on-site pharmacies ensure access to medication for our patients, offering a consistent, comprehensive formulary of affordable medications.



### PACE Core Services



#### Healthcare

PACE participants receive all medically necessary care, including primary medical, dental and specialty care, medication and durable medical equipment, and hospitalization and skilled nursing placement as needed.



#### Rehabilitation

Physical, occupational, and speech therapy services according to the individual care plan are delivered at the PACE Center.



#### Home care

Participants receive assistance with home care needs as needed.



#### Home away from Home

PACE Centers provide participants with meals and social activities in addition to clinical services.



#### Transportation

Medical transportation to our PACE centers and community providers is offered to all participants.

# PACE vs FQHC



- Both work with limited funds, but PACE is responsible for more services.
- Both operate where there is a need, but PACE requires a feasibility study.
- Both monitor and report on quality and demographics, but PACE also monitors and reports on utilization of services.
- Capitated vs Fee for service

# **PACE Development**

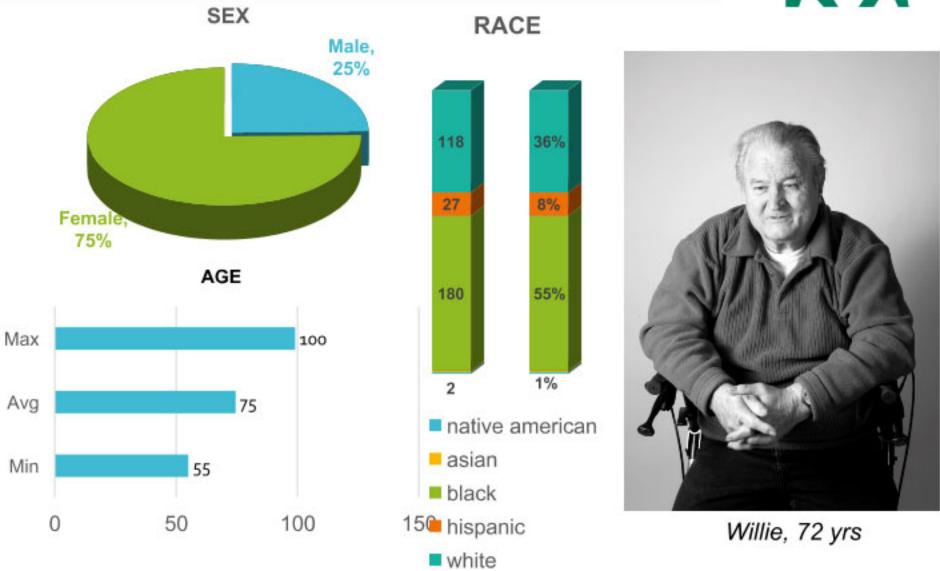


- 2004 NC General Assembly approved 2 pilot PACE sites, one of which was PHS
- Sept 2006 1 of 15 CMS Rural PACE grants
- Dec 2008 1st site (Burlington) opened
- Jan 2014 2nd site (Pittsboro) opened
- Census 5/1/21: 304
- >800 served



# **PHSC Demographics**





# Participant Profile



- Avg. risk score 2.6 (B) and 2.7 (P)
  - Multiple chronic diseases & comorbidities
- Additional risk factors:
  - Caregiver support
  - Compliance medication & other
  - Housing and environmental issues
  - Substance abuse & behavioral health



# Participant Profile



## Average of 8 diagnoses – e.g:

- Heart Disease: 58%
- Chronic Renal Disease: 42%
- Chronic Lung: 26%
- Diabetes: 53%
- Depression: 45%
- Stroke: 28%
- BMI>=40: 11%
- Cognitive Impairment: 41%
- Smoker: 19%
- High risk of falling (per PT): 42%

- Average 4 ADLs limitations & 4 IADLs
- 40% choose DNR
- Deaths: Home 62%, SNF 8%, Hospice Home 15%, and Hospital 15%



# Performance Indicators



- ER
- hospitalizations
- Readmissions
- SNF placements
- Falls
- Infections
- Wounds/pressure ulcers
- Diabetes HbA1c <= 9</li>
- Advanced directives

- Level of function (ADLs)
- Depression (GDS)
- Cognitive function (SLUMS)
- Disenrollment & Enrollment rates
- Caregiver and participant satisfaction
- Health plan compliance
- Risk Score
- Claims adjudication

# How We Started



- Piedmont's highest risk patients were seniors whose needs could not be met in 20 min encounter. Staff and board began exploring alternative models
- Educated ourselves & Board ~1 year
- Joined National PACE Association
- Developed a timeline and critical decision points.
  - Market analysis show that there are enough dually-eligible people in the service area?
  - Feasibility study & proforma?
  - Partners to help with the Capital outlay and the operational start-up cost?
  - What is the risk to our existing organization? How can it be mitigated?
  - How can we refer within our existing organization to leverage existing resources?



## Break even – Year 2

Years in Operation				net
rears in Operation	census	revenue	expenses	revenues
ØSTART UP			579,753	-579,753
ØYEAR ONE	4	1,447,244	1,809,971	-362,727
ØYEAR TWO	59	3,866,295	3,175,402	690,893
ØYEAR THREE	88	5,839,741	4,754,505	1,085,236
ØYEAR FOUR	117	7,199,661	6,790,510	409,151
ØYEAR FIVE	126	8,310,237	8,322,702	-12,465

ØThe census is the average for the year.

ØExcludes Capital Outlay of \$2,400,000 for the facility and \$350,000 for vehicles.

ØYear Five was the startup year for our Second site.



# Capitation 2020

PMPM	PMPM			
Avg revenue	\$	6,877		
Avg expenses	\$	6,140		
Net	\$	737		

~4,100 MM / year

Revenue	\$26,422,560
Expenses	\$23,183,068





### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Know your state requirements for going forward with PACE (i.e., legislation needed, state Medicaid office support, etc).
- While health centers and PACE both monitor/report on quality indicators and demographics—PACE must also monitor/report on utilization of services.
- Be ready for an all-hands on deck education and information sharing of administration, providers, and the Board.

Transition to NPA-COVID 19 Impact Slides





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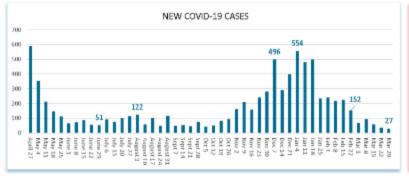
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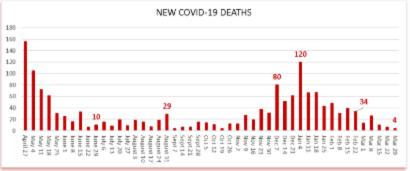
- Cumulative as well as New for reporting period
  - Confirmed cases including where likely contracted
  - Hospitalized including when diagnosed
  - Deaths including place of death and living situation at time of death
- ☐ Submitted data represents:
  - Over 90% of NPA member organizations
  - All 28 states where member organizations are, or were, located
  - 80% of total PACE census
- Most programs submit regularly with occasional missed weeks

PARTICIPANT COVID-19 DATA UPDATE	New this Period	Cumulative to Date
CONFIRMED COVID-19 cases		
#Confirmed cases contracted in SNF		
#Confirmed cases contracted in other congregate setting (e.g., ALF, Grp Home)		
#Confirmed cases contracted in community		
HOSPITALIZED due to COVID-19		
# COVID-19 confirmed prior to hospitalization		
# COVID-19 confirmed during hospitalization		
DEATHS due to COVID-19		
N P lace of death - SNF		
N Place of death - Other congregate living (e.g., ALF, Grp Home, etc.)		
# Place of death - Home		
N Place of death - Hospital		
#Living situation at time of death - SNF		
#Living situation at time of death - Other congregate living (e.g., ALF, Grp Home)		
#Living situation at time of death - Home		



- 8,303 cumulative cases and 1,582 cumulative deaths as of 4/26/21
- □ Pattern of infection and mortality among POs mimicked the national pattern
  - ☐ High cases & deaths last spring, slowed in summer, rapid increase during fall/winter surge

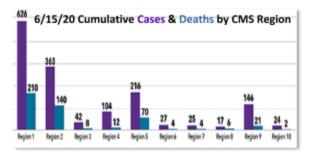


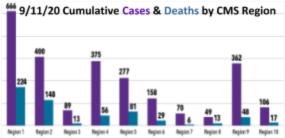


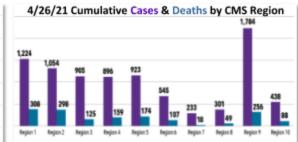
- □ 58% of infections and 49% of all deaths accrued early Nov. thru mid-Feb.
- □ New cases & deaths have decreased at least 85% from January peak



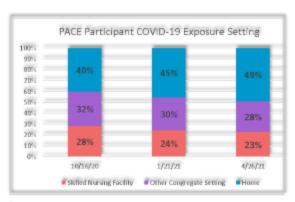
Outcome variance closely related to Location and Population rather than entity type







 While most infections were contracted in congregate settings, the distribution of congregate vs home shifted during the winter surge.





 PACE participants are at 1/3 the risk of Nursing Home residents for contracting or dying from COVID-19

NPA Member Organization Data: 4/12/2021								
Cumulative Confirmed Cases	Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths	AVG Total Participating PO Census	PACE Confirmed Cases Rate	PACE Deaths Rate	PACE Deaths as % of Confirmed Cases			
8,187	1,556	42,048	19.5%	3.7%	19.01%			

	Data.CMS.gov COVID-19 Nursing Home Data: 4/11/2021								
Total Confirmed Cases	Total COVID-19 Deaths	AVG Total Occupied Beds	NH Confirmed Cases Rate	NH Deaths Rate	NH Deaths as % of Confirmed Cases				
647,754	131,926	1,117,488	58.0%	11.8%	20.37%				

- Participants receiving at least the first dose of a vaccine rose by more than 500% from February to April 2021
  - Approximately half of all PACE participants have been vaccinated (1st or both doses)

	PACE PARTICIPANTS					
	# Vaccinated	% of Participating PO Census	% of Total PACE Census			
02/01/21 Cumulative	3,856	15%	7%			
04/05/21 Cumulative	26,514	68%	49%			



### KEY TAKEAWAYS

•Key survey data indicates the pattern of COVID-19 infection and mortality among PACE Organizations mimicked the national patterns.

 PACE participants are at 1/3 the risk of nursing home residents for contracting or dying from COVID-19



### **UPCOMING WEBINARS**

# Ready to Take the Lead on a PACE Program

Thursday June 3, 2021, 2pm-3pm EDT

# Ready to Partner – Community Based Partnership Models in PACE

Thursday July 22, 2021, 2pm-3pm EDT

Subject to change based on speaker availability



### THANK YOU and Contact information

- Questions
- Please complete the follow-up survey after the call.

# Follow-up

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