

# Presentation to Special Legislative Commission on Older Adults

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“The PACE model is the only prescribed clinical, social, behavioral model that exists... It’s the only thing in health care that I know makes people live longer, reliably.”

**Andy Slavitt**

former CMS administrator

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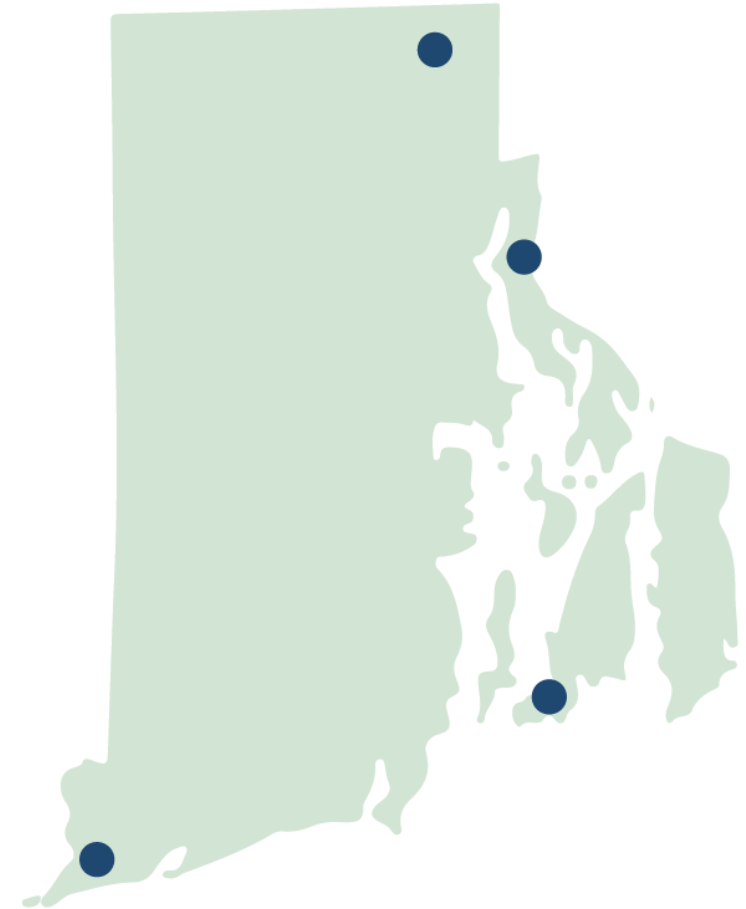
# The PACE Movement

- Originated in San Francisco in 1971 to help families provide home-based long-term care for their elders
- PACE's fully capitated, risk-bearing, and integrated payment model incentivizes quality care, leading to significant cost savings and reduced hospitalizations
- Currently, there are PACE programs in 33 states serving over 80,000 participants
- 13 states added over the past few years; 7 more states are implementing or considering programs



# About PACE-RI

- Founded in 2005
- Serve entire state (excluding Block Island and Prudence Island)
- 452 participants (from every city and town)
- 4 locations (East Providence, Newport, Westerly, Woonsocket)
- Over 190 staff
- \$50M in revenue



# Our Participants



**55** years + (average age = 75);  
living in the community



**6** chronic conditions on average  
(ex. diabetes, COPD, CHF,  
behavioral health)



Meet high or highest clinical  
level of care need  
(determined by State)



**11** medications on average



**99%**  
of participants have very low  
income (Medicaid & Medicare)



**35%**  
of participants have a  
dementia related diagnosis

# Model of Care

- PACE is both the primary care provider and insurer
- The Interdisciplinary Team (IDT), representing 11 areas, meets everyday to review participant needs
  - Primary Care Provider (MD/NP) Geriatricians
  - Social Worker
  - Home Care Nurse
  - Occupational Therapist
  - Physical Therapist
  - Dietician
  - Day Center Director
  - Transportation Coordinator
  - Certified Nursing Assistant
  - Life Enrichment Coordinator



# Results

- Keep our participants out of nursing homes for nearly four years, on average
- 75% of PACE-RI participants have not had an inpatient stay over the past year
- 88% of PACE-RI participants feel our services help improve/maintain their quality of life
- 9 of 10 PACE-RI participants would recommend us to family and friends





## PACE - No longer the “best kept secret” in healthcare

- Only provider “fully at risk”; leading movement toward value-based care
- More affordable and predictable cost for State
- Flexible and sustainable model; Never closed during COVID
- Gives elders and families what they want – safely age in place







## Building off PACE's strengths

As an innovator and creator of our own solutions, we intend to:

- Expand our adult day only programming to increase access to care to more seniors throughout RI.
- Buy housing to address instability
- Grow *Savory Fare* food program

We look forward to working with you to help elders thrive.

**Thank you!**

