



FSSA Division on Aging
RE: Commentary on Home and Community-Based Services
402 W. Washington, Room W454
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding HB1493, in response to theme:

(3) Options for individuals to receive services and supports appropriate to meet the individual's needs in a cost effective and high quality manner that focuses on social and health outcomes.

According to the National PACE Association (NPA), as of June 1, 2017 PACE, Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly provide care for 42,000 seniors in 122 organizations with 239 PACE centers in 31 states across the nation. Trinity Health PACE is the largest provider of PACE programs in the nation, consisting of programs that are over 20 years old. We currently provide care to 3,500 participants in our 13 programs in the United States. We were excited to bring the program to Indiana to begin serving elderly Hoosiers in the state. Saint Joseph PACE enrolled its first participants in September of 2016 and is growing in census each month. Saint Joseph PACE will serve 250 Hoosiers at program maturity.

Saint Joseph PACE is one of three PACE programs in the state of Indiana. PACE provides a full spectrum of health care services to nursing home eligible patients. We are centered on the belief that it is better for the well-being of our seniors with chronic care needs to be served at home and in the community whenever possible. All participants in the PACE program meet nursing home level of care. Most PACE participants are able to stay within their homes and communities. This is a very costly population to care for yet PACE programs across the country have proven they can do it better and for less Medicaid dollars. PACE is a predictable funding model for Medicaid, one payment per member per month. According to the NPA, PACE prevents and/or significantly reduces preventable hospitalizations and reduces the need for costly, long-term nursing home care.

PACE's unique care model helps seniors live safely at home in their communities for as long as possible, as opposed to living in a nursing facility. It is a program that provides a comprehensive coordinated care model to the frail elderly. Sharon Vaughn, Resident Service Coordinator, for a South Bend housing unit indicates "the entire staff of PACE builds relationships and trust with my residents. I could not ask for more. We look forward to a continued and blessed relationship with PACE." And from Edie Brummit, a PACE participant who had in the past visited the emergency room four to six times monthly, "I feel safe and comfortable here," said Edie. "It is the best thing that has ever happened to me." Since joining Saint Joseph PACE in February, 2017, Edie has been to the emergency room one



time. PACE provides participants safety, security and a chance to interact with others while enabling them to live at home in familiar surroundings and avoid nursing home placement.

The Saint Joseph PACE program currently provides services to frail seniors who live in the following ZIP codes in South Bend, Bremen, Elkhart, Goshen, Granger, Lakeville, Mishawaka, New Carlisle, North Liberty, Osceola, Plymouth, Wakarusa and Walkerton: 46506, 45514, 46516, 46517, 46526, 46530, 46536, 46544, 46545, 46552, 46554, 46556, 46561, 46563, 46573, 46574, 46601, 46613, 46614, 46615, 46616, 46617, 46619, 46628, 46635 and 46637.

July 2017 Overview

Participants Served	50
Dual Eligible	44
Medicare Only	2
Medicaid Only	4
Average Days to Enrollment	63
Average Age	73
Female	33
Male	17
In Nursing Facility or Hospital Prior to Enrolling	29

Saint Joseph PACE respectfully requests the FSSA include PACE in its report to the legislature in response to House Bill 1493 that identifies recommendations to modernize and redesign the delivery of publicly-funded HCBS, we are also requesting to include and expand PACE as a provider.

Thank you.

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