

Support the effort!

- ▶ Open up beds in hospitals and skilled nursing facilities
- ▶ Get Seniors back home faster

A “Yes” on HB 2589:

- 1) Adds 15 Full Time employees to the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)
- 2) Requires ODHS to speed up eligibility determinations for the **Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)** from 45 days to 20 days

What is PACE? PACE is a Medicare program that provides comprehensive medical and social services to certain frail, community-dwelling elderly individuals, most of whom are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid benefits. An interdisciplinary team of health professionals provides PACE participants with coordinated care. For most participants, **the comprehensive service package enables them to remain in the community** rather than receive care in a nursing home. (From CMS.gov)

AllCare PACE services may include (but are not limited to):



Transportation to and from the PACE Center	Mental health, including psychology	Primary medical and specialty care
Optometry	Dental Care	Podiatry
Prescription drug coverage and management	Nutritious meals and dietary counseling	Physical, occupational, and speech therapies
Social Services	Home care	Personal care
Medical equipment and supplies, including incontinence creams and washes	24-hour access to the PACE care team	

What is the process to enroll into PACE? A potential member must: be 55 or older, live in the service area of a PACE organization, be eligible for nursing home care, and be able to live safely in the community. Oregon staff determines if the applicant meets the eligibility for the program including both financial and medical requirements.

What’s the Problem? Overworked/overloaded Senior Services staff most often needs 45 days to do a PACE eligibility determination. This means:

- 45 days longer wait for seniors in a skilled nursing facility or hospital bed
- 45 days seniors are not getting comprehensive care

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The Solution?

Increase Senior Services staff to help ease burden on Oregon’s healthcare system.

How does this help seniors?

Reduces the processing wait time for eligibility from 45 days down to no more than 20 days.

