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Community Leaders Call for Funding of a DC PACE Program to Provide Integrated Care to Low-Income Seniors

WHAT: Members of the DC PACE Advisory Group will testify at The Committee on Health & Human Services Budget Oversight Hearing and request funding for a DC PACE Program in the District's FY2017 budget.

WHO: Members of the PACE-DC Advisory Group that will testify include:

- Peter Fitzgerald, Executive Vice President of Policy and Strategy, National PACE Association
- Vince Keane, President and CEO, Unity Health Care
- Judy Levy, Coordinator, DC Coalition on Long Term Care
- Molly Singer, Chief Executive Officer, Capitol Hill Village
- Sally White, Executive Director, Iona Services

WHEN: Wednesday, April 27th, 10:00am

WHERE: The Wilson Building, Room 412, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

WHY: The Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a nationally recognized model of care well known for its quality and high levels of satisfaction among both individuals enrolled in the program and their caregivers. Bringing PACE to D.C. would afford D.C. residents an option that has been shown effective in Maryland and Virginia, nearly every major metropolitan area up and down the east coast, and in many communities across the country.

This year, the required administrative steps have made funding for PACE in the fiscal year 2017 budget necessary in order to proceed with finalizing the

necessary changes to the Medicaid plan, and initiating a request for proposal (RFP) process.

By combining Medicare and Medicaid benefits, PACE provides an alternative, fully-integrated option to District residents who would otherwise be receiving a range of uncoordinated services through existing Medicaid programs including nursing facilities and elderly and physical disability waiver services.

PACE can help DC rebalance its long term services and supports towards greater home and community based options and offers the District a predictable, monthly per person cost for frail seniors who need a nursing home level of care but would prefer to continue living in the community.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

The following members of the DC PACE Advisory Group will be available for interview either before or after the hearing:

- Michael Crawford, Chief of Staff, Unity Health Care Inc.
- Peter Fitzgerald, Executive Vice President of Policy and Strategy, National PACE Association
- Judy Levy, Coordinator, DC Long Term Care Coalition
- Ana Nelson, Vice President of Programs, Alzheimer's Association of National Capital Area Chapter
- Molly Singer, Chief Executive Officer, Capitol Hill Village
- Sally White, Executive Director, Iona Services