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## January 2016

### President signs the PACE Innovation Act

President Obama signed the PACE Innovation Act on November 5, 2015. For the first time, the Act will allow the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to



develop pilot programs based on the current PACE model, to serve persons under 55 years of age who qualify for nursing home placement and those at risk of needing nursing home care. CalPACE and the National PACE Association are developing recommendations for CMS and California's implementation of the Act. [Read More.](#)

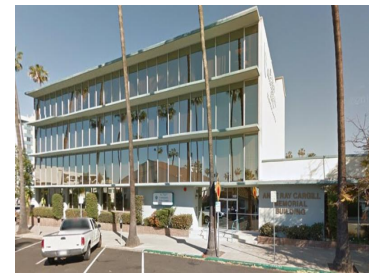
### PACE Expanding Through Use of Alternative Care Settings.

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PACE organizations in California are making use of recent CMS guidance making it easier for PACE to partner with other community based



providers to serve seniors in alternative care settings (ACS). ACS' allow PACE to expand without building additional full-scale PACE Centers. In the typical ACS arrangement, PACE participants receive day center services at an adult day health center, senior center, or other community based organization, while their overall care continues to be coordinated by the PACE organization. Currently, six ACS locations operate in California:

- Guardian - Adult Day Health Care, El Sobrante, CA
- Hong Fook - Adult Day Health Care, Oakland, CA
- On Lok East San Jose Center - San Jose, CA
- Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center - Mountain View, CA
- Respite & Research for Alzheimer's Disease - San Jose, CA
- St. Paul's Senior Day - San Diego, CA

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## CalPACE Submits Principles to State for New Rate Setting Methodology

In October, CalPACE submitted recommendations for a new PACE Medi-Cal rate methodology to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The recommendations call for the development of a rate methodology that recognizes the range of services that PACE provides, provides adequate funding for capital needs, provides protection for outlier risk,



recognizes the unique needs of start-up organizations, and contains quality incentives for high-performing PACE organizations. The recommendations also call for a phase-in period to test the new methodology. A joint DHCS/CalPACE actuarial work group will convene in the spring to develop the methodology.

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## 2015 in Review

2015 saw the achievement of many notable milestones for PACE in California. California's PACE organizations celebrated the opening of two PACE centers, in Covina and San Diego, CMS cited PACE as a "glimpse into the future" during events to



celebrate the 50th anniversary and Medicare and Medicaid, and the President signed the PACE Innovation ACT. [See video highlighting these events.](#)

CalPACE, the California PACE Association, is a 501(c)(6) association that is dedicated to the expansion of comprehensive health care services to seniors with chronic care needs through the Program of All-inclusive Care for Elderly (PACE). Through education and advocacy, CalPACE members strive to support, maintain, and safeguard the PACE model and promote high-quality comprehensive health care services to California's seniors.

There are currently eleven operational PACE organizations as well as three PACE organizations in development in California. Our members provide and coordinate services to over 5,000 participants through 30 PACE centers in twelve counties.

For further information, visit our website at [www.calpace.org](http://www.calpace.org).

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