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## **LONG-TERM CARE ADVOCATES CHEER MAY REVISION EXPANSION OF LIFE-SAVING SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND OLDER CALIFORNIANS WITH HIGH-CARE NEEDS**

(SACRAMENTO, CA) Peter Hansel, Chief Executive Officer of the [California PACE Association \(CaPACE\)](#) issued the following statement about the May Revise budget released today by Governor Gavin Newsom, which expands implementation of the Master Plan for Aging - including a permanent commitment to the Aging and Disability Resource Connection Program and \$12.5 million in new investments to address Alzheimer's Disease.

"Governor Newsom is taking bold steps to invest in seniors with high-care needs, most of whom lack the care resources needed to age independently at home. As seniors become a larger part of our population in the coming years, investments in care awareness, navigation, and access are vital to enabling more Californians to age with dignity in their communities.

"All of the seniors cared for through PACE are low-income and their well-being stands to benefit enormously from an expanded state commitment to reduce a lack of care integration, isolation, and poverty. This is why PACE organizations have been so active and invested in the Master Plan for Aging. The investments announced today further validate that we were heard by this Administration when asked how to build a more age-friendly state.

"A third of seniors enrolled in PACE have Alzheimer's Disease and, with nearly 700,000 seniors living with the disease in California today, we are just scratching the surface of care needs. Aging and Disability Resource Connections help seniors and their families access critical community services with a single phone call or walk-in. These centers have proven critical for seniors to avoid health and safety emergencies that often lead to nursing home care.

"CalPACE looks forward to working with lawmakers and the Administration to enact these proposals in the budget."

*The California PACE Association (CalPACE) is a non-profit association dedicated to the expansion of comprehensive health care services to the frail elderly through the Program of All-inclusive Care for Elderly (PACE), which is an alternative to nursing home care. PACE provides preventive, primary, acute, and long-term care services so that older individuals can continue living in their communities. Follow CalPACE on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).*

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