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TWO-HOUSE BUDGET DEAL MAKES KEY INVESTMENTS IN SENIORS

(SACRAMENTO, CA) Peter Hansel, Chief Executive Officer of the [California PACE Association \(CaPACE\)](#) issued the following statement about the state budget agreement announced between the State Assembly and Senate today, which includes a range of investments in low-income seniors. The agreement eliminates the Medi-Cal asset test dictating seniors' access, restores a 2009 cut to SSI/SSP benefits for low-income adults and seniors living with disabilities, and permanently eliminates the 7% hours cut to in-home care services for disabled and elderly Californians served by the In-Home Supportive Services program.

"Most seniors with high-care needs lack the resources needed to age independently at home. Since all of the seniors cared for through PACE are low-income, we are encouraged by the expansion of Medi-Cal access for low-income seniors along with restored benefit levels and home-care services reduced during the Great Recession. PACE organizations have been extremely committed to the state's Master Plan for Aging and we look forward to working with lawmakers and the Administration to build an age-friendly state through robust action in the budget. 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."

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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