



December 13, 2019

Kim McCoy Wade
Director
Department of Aging

Dear Kim:

We are happy to submit the attached updated recommendations from CalPACE on the Master Plan for Aging.

As you know PACE organizations in California currently serve 10,000 older adults with complex needs who qualify for nursing home level of care. PACE serves these beneficiaries through a proven model of care that provides and integrates all medical services, supportive services, and social supports that are necessary to enable them to remain in the community for as long as possible. Among the documented outcomes that PACE is able to achieve are significant reductions in hospital use, improvements in health status and quality of life, significant delays in the onset of extended nursing home stays, very high rates of beneficiary and family satisfaction, and relief of caregiver burdens.

We believe the goal of ensuring that all older adults and seniors with complex needs who need PACE and can benefit from it have access to it, and the specific steps the state can take to ensure that, should be part of California's master plan for aging. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you and other administration representatives on these and other goals to ensure that California supports the ability of its residents to age with dignity.

Sincerely,

Peter Hansel
CEO

Attachment – CalPACE recommendations on MPA