

**CCoA Master Plan for Aging Special Committee
Master Plan for Aging Recommendation**

Integration

Issue statement: The Department of Health Care Services is developing a plan to expand long-term services and support (LTSS) statewide to the MediCal population, including those dually eligible for Medicare and MediCal, through the Healthier CA for ALL managed care initiative. However, this effort does not require health plans to provide in lieu of LTSS services nor does it allow for purchase of LTSS by large segments of the population including middle-income older adults and younger disabled adults.

MPA Framework Goals

Goal 1: Services & Supports. We will live where we choose as we age and have the help we and our families need to do so.

Goal 3: Health & Well-being. We will live in communities and have access to services and care that optimize health and quality of life.

Recommendation: Ensure access to LTSS services for all Californians, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and physical ability.

Target Population: Older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers

Detailed Recommendation:

1. Healthier California for All must:
 - a. fund LTSS “in lieu of services” as a mandatory benefit to ensure individuals have access to the services and supports they need to live independently in their homes and communities;
 - b. require or highly incentivize health plan collaboration and contracting with local trusted, culturally competent, community-based organizations (e.g., Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) partnerships, Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), Independent Living Centers (ILCs), Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS), Adult Day Care, Programs for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), California Community Transition (CCT) organizations, etc.); and
 - c. ensure in lieu of service providers are part of the health plan care management team.
2. The State should explore the feasibility of requiring health insurance companies operating in California provide a buy-in for LTSS to allow middle-income Californians access to LTSS in lieu of services made available to the MediCal population.
3. Expand the evidence-based PACE program statewide to serve low-income, frail older adults.

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4. The State should allow individuals the opportunity to purchase affordable LTSS through integrated models like PACE.

Evidence in Support:

PACE is the first model to integrate Medicare and PACE programs coordinate and provide all needed preventive, primary, acute, and long-term care services so older individuals can continue living in the community. Currently, there 47 PACE Centers and Alternative Care Sites in 14 counties in California. According to the California PACE Association (CalPACE), in 2017, California paid \$22.6 million less than it would have if participants were served outside of PACE. www.calpace.org

Evidence in Support /Other States:

Home- and Community-Based Services Beyond Medicaid: How State Funded Programs Help Low-Income Adults with Care Needs Live at Home, Ellen O'Brien, PhD, Independent Consultant, Wendy Fox-Grange and Kathleen Ujvari, AARP Public Policy Institute, February 2019

<http://www.longtermscorecard.org/~media/Files/Scorecard%20site/Report/Publications/homeandcommunitybasedservicesbeyondmedicaid.pdf>

Prioritization: High

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