



Legislative Endorsement

Bill No. and Title: Bill S 397 H 747 An Act to increase awareness of community-based PACE Programs for older adults

Sponsor(s) and Committee: Sen. Chandler, Rep. Madaro, Elder Affairs

Legislative History: Hearing: July 12th, 2021

Legislation Text: SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the general laws is hereby amended by adding in subsection (d) after the word “persons”, the following:-

“including, but not limited to, providing information about the Program of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) pursuant to 42 CFR Part 460.60”;

SECTION 2. Section 4B of chapter 19A of the general laws is hereby amended by adding in the fourth paragraph after the words “referral services to elders” in subsection (1) the following:-

“provided, that said information and referral services shall include, but not be limited to, information about the Program of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) pursuant to 42 CFR Part 460.60;”

SECTION 3. Section 9 of chapter 118E of the general laws is hereby amended by striking paragraph four and adding in place there of the following:-

“A person seeking admission to a long-term care facility paid for by MassHealth shall receive pre-admission counseling for long-term care services, which shall include an assessment of community-based service options including but not limited to the Program of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) pursuant to CFR Part 460.60. A person seeking care in a longterm care facility on a private pay basis shall be offered pre-admission counseling. For the purposes of this section, preadmission counseling shall be conducted by the executive office of health and human services or the executive office of elder affairs or their subcontractors. The executive office of elder affairs shall, in consultation with the office of acute and ambulatory care in the executive office of health and human services, study the advisability and feasibility of using certain Medicaid providers to provide pre-admission counseling. The division shall report to the general court on an annual basis 2 the number of individuals who received pre-admission counseling under this section and the number of diversions to the community generated by the pre-admission counseling program.”

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