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**FISCAL NOTE**

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b> Sen. Zenzinger	<b>Bill Status:</b> Senate Appropriations
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**Bill Topic:** PACE PROGRAM FUNDING METHODOLOGY

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue                | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund            |
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**Budget package bill.** This bill repeals a provider rate setting mechanism for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, and restores funding levels to the prior rate. It requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and providers to meet during the 2019 legislative interim to consider an appropriate funding methodology. The bill will increase state expenditures and workload in FY 2019-20.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2019-20, the bill includes an appropriation of \$13,510,958 to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2019-20 budget package.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-209**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$6,755,479	-
	Federal Funds	\$6,755,479	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,510,958</b>	-
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill repeals a statutory provision requiring the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to use a "grade of membership" (GoM) method when determining provider rates for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). As a result, the bill includes a FY 2019-20 appropriation to HCPF to restore PACE provider rates to previous levels of funding. HCPF is required to meet with PACE organizations during the 2019 legislative interim to consider funding methodologies for future fiscal years and any other germane issues.

## **Background**

PACE is a comprehensive managed care program for people 55 years and older who meet nursing facility level of care standards. Benefits include standard medical costs, behavioral health, and long-term services and supports.

Senate Bill 16-199 required HCPF to develop an actuarially sound method for calculating the upper payment limit for PACE providers. Following this method, per capita rates to providers would be reduced by an estimated 6.0 percent, or \$13.8 million, including \$6.9 million General Fund, in FY 2019-20.

## **State Expenditures**

For FY 2019-20, the bill will increase state expenditures by \$13.5 million, split evenly between the General Fund and federal funds. HCPF will use these funds to cover the PACE provider rate restored under the bill. Workload will also increase for HCPF in FY 2019-20 to work with PACE providers to determine the appropriate funding methodology for PACE in future fiscal years; this workload increase can be accomplished with existing appropriations.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2019-20, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$6,755,479 and a federal funds appropriation of \$6,755,479 to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing

Joint Budget Committee