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PACE Oversight and Accountability Bill

Fact Sheet

Sen. Fields/Sen. Smallwood and Rep. Lontine/Rep. Soper

What is PACE?

PACE is an all-inclusive benefit for older adults who need long term services and support. PACE provides a comprehensive medical and social service delivery system, and uses an interdisciplinary team approach.

What does this bill do?

The bill will give HCPF the authority to work with stakeholders to develop a recommendation to evolve federal oversight requirements into an improved state PACE oversight structure and process. This new oversight structure will eliminate gaps in accountability, while ensuring continuous quality improvement. With this proposal, the Department can ensure the health, safety and welfare of PACE participants by addressing gaps in the following areas: physical environment review, disenrollment surveying and quality evaluations, performance benchmarks for programmatic comparison, incentivizing quality improvement and innovation and complaint investigations.

This bill will require the Department to work with stakeholders in the following areas:

- PACE organizations
- Advocacy groups
- Long Term Care and PACE Ombudsman
- The Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and,
- The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

Why is this bill needed?

Currently, oversight of PACE is conducted by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Department and CDPHE. In 2019, CMS adopted the PACE Final Rule, which

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