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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adrian C. Madaro

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act increasing awareness of community based PACE programs for older adults.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*1/20/2023*
Samantha Montaño	*15th Suffolk*	*2/13/2023*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*2/13/2023*
Daniel M. Donahue	*16th Worcester*	*2/15/2023*
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*	*2/21/2023*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*2/21/2023*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*3/6/2023*
Christine P. Barber	*34th Middlesex*	*3/14/2023*
Jacob R. Oliveira	*Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester*	*3/14/2023*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*3/15/2023*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*3/15/2023*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex*	*3/31/2023*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Norfolk*	*12/7/2023*
Russell E. Holmes	*6th Suffolk*	*12/7/2023*

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By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 639) of Adrian C. Madaro and others relative to increasing awareness of community based PACE programs for older adults. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *747* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act increasing awareness of community based PACE programs for older adults.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in subsection (d) after the word “persons” the following words:-

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 said chapter 19A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting in subsection (1) of the fourth paragraph, after the words “referral services to elders”, the following words:-

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, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth paragraph and adding in place thereof the following paragraph:-

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 long-term care facility on a private pay basis shall be offered pre-admission counseling. For the purposes of this section, pre-admission 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 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.