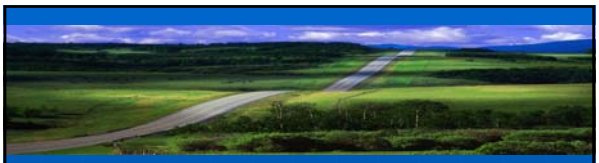

Rural Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

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Presentation Overview

- What is PACE
- Rural PACE organizations
  - Federal Grant Funds
  - Who/Where
  - Status
- Operational Perspective
  - Northland Health Care Alliance
  - Billings Clinic

What is "PACE" – Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

- Serves 55+, nursing home certifiable
- Plans and provides (directly or by contract) ALL health, aging services
- Integrated care
- Integrated financing

What is PACE – 4 C's

- Comprehensive care
  - All required care, regardless of setting
  - Medicare and Medicaid covered services
  - Aging, Medical (Primary, Acute) and Long Term Care services
  - Drugs
- Coordinated care
- Community-based care
- Capitated Payment

How PACE Works: Delivery of Services

How PACE Works:

Care Needs Assessment, Planning and Delivery

Team participation by Nursing Home, Hospital, Specialist Care, and Others As Needed

Rural PACE Organizations

- DRA 2005 funded $7.5 M in start-up funding for rural PACE providers; 14 rural sites shared in funding
- DRA also provided sites with inpatient cost-outlier protection
- PACE organizations required to complete the application process by September 30, 2008

Rural PACE Providers

- 15 providers selected; 14 became operational
- Located in 12 states (VA and PA have 2 each)
- 2 large health systems (Geisinger, Billings)
- 3 involve AAAs (Mountain Empire, All Care, Total Life Care)
- 2 Hospice (Siouxland, Comm. Care of Western NY)
- 1 Regional Health Network (NHCA)
- 1 Community Health Center (Piedmont)
- Others are community-based LTC providers (includes home care, CCRC, housing/ALF)

Rural PACE Organizations

Organization	Location	Rural Service Start Date
LIFE Geisinger	Kulpmont, Pennsylvania	1/1/2008
PACE Vermont, Inc.	Colchester, Vermont	3/1/2008
The Oaks PACE	Orangeburg, South Carolina	3/1/2008
Mountain Empire PACE	Big Stone Gap, Virginia	4/1/2008
Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens, Inc. d/b/a AllCARE for Seniors	Cedar Bluff, Virginia	5/1/2008
Total Life Healthcare	Jonesboro, Arkansas	6/1/2008
VOANS PACE	Montrose, Colorado	8/1/2008
Northland PACE	Bismarck, North Dakota	8/1/2008
Siouxland PACE	Sioux City, Iowa	9/1/2008
Maui PACE	Kahului, Hawaii	10/1/2008
Billings Clinic PACE	Billings, Montana	11/1/2008
LIFE Lutheran Services, Inc	Chambersburg, Pennsylvania	11/1/2008
Piedmont Health SeniorCare	Carrboro, North Carolina	11/1/2008
Total Senior Care, Inc.	Olean, New York	2/1/2009

Rural PACE Map

Status of Rural Sites

- 14 provider applications approved
- 14 currently operating
- Enrollment varies – from 1 to over 40, within first 3 months of operations

How Rural?

Volunteers of America's Montrose, CO PACE Program

- Western Slope of Colorado Rockies
- Fast growing enrollment (160+ in 10 months)
- 2 PACE Centers, one alternative delivery site in development
- Large contracted network of community physicians
- Large distances, difficult roads

Volunteers of America's Montrose PACE Program

- How can rural PACE programs harness HIT to address operational challenges
  - Increased use of alternative delivery sites
  - Informed and active participation of community physicians in IDT
  - Need for fully integrated medical record – input and access
  - Supporting participants in their homes
    - Monitoring
    - Delivering
  - Integrating urban and rural service areas

More Information

- www.npaonline.org
  - Regulations
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