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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PURSUES RECOMMENDATIONS OF LONG-TERM CARE ADVOCATES IN THE NEW MASTER PLAN FOR AGING

Reforms will expand long-term care access through innovation in Medicare and establishing a statewide navigation system for older and disabled Californians to find care they need.

Preservation of funding for services aiding vulnerable Californians breaks with last year's cuts.

(SACRAMENTO, CA) Peter Hansel, Chief Executive Officer of the California PACE Association (CaPACE), issued the following statement about the state budget released today by Governor Gavin Newsom. Hansel praised the governor for acting on many of the top priorities of long-term care advocates outlined in the Master Plan for Aging, which Hansel helped craft through his service on the Master Plan for Aging's Long Term Services and Supports Subcommittee.

"This is a thrilling start and a welcome change from last year's budget. Not only have vital services to older Californians and those living with disabilities have been spared from cuts, this budget takes meaningful steps recommended by long-term care advocates to expand care access and navigation across California. Over time, these proposals will dramatically improve health equity and outcomes for all Californians. Their inclusion in this budget shows advocates were heard by this administration, which is now showing its commitment to building out the goals within the Master Plan for Aging. CalPACE looks forward to working with lawmakers and the Administration to enact these proposals in the budget."

The California PACE Association (CalPACE) is a non-profit association dedicated to the expansion of comprehensive health care services to the frail elderly through the Program of All-inclusive Care for Elderly (PACE), which is an alternative to nursing home care. PACE provides preventive, primary, acute, and long-term care services so that older individuals can continue living in their communities.

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