



HB 2404

To: Committee on Children and Seniors
Representative Susan Concannon, Chair

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Representative Concannon and members of the committee,

I'm Karren Weichert with Midland Care. I am here today in support of HB 2404

Midland Care is an integrated, community care organization serving 20 counties in eastern Kansas. We have multiple community health and supportive programs serving the seriously ill and frail seniors, all with a focus of helping people stay at home.

For more than 12 years we have been providing the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

PACE is a comprehensive, holistic, managed care program. The primary goal is to keep seniors safely in their communities for their entire lives. Through the provision of primary care physician services, homecare, social supports, adult day health, rehabilitative care and transportation, the participants get a complete wrap around service that supports their entire healthcare needs. As a Medicare/Medicaid managed care program, we coordinate all of their other medical needs like medical specialties, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dental care through our network of providers. PACE is at full financial risk for all of the participant's primary, acute, rehabilitative and long-term care needs. The program is reimbursed a per member per month amount to manage all needed care.

Eligibility for PACE is restricted to those who are

- 55 and older
- Certified by the local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) to need nursing home level of care
- Located within an approved PACE service area
- Able to live safely in the home with supports.

PACE is an important program to our state's long term care management of an aging population, and I would ask that a member of the PACE community also be included on the senior service task force.

Thank you and I am happy to stand for questions.