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## **Center for Senior Independence Changes Name to PACE® Southeast Michigan** *Gains Greater Link with national PACE Program*

**Detroit, MI** – Providing exceptional, comprehensive care to maintain independence for our area’s seniors has been the united goal for the Center for Senior Independence (CSI) — part of the national PACE® program— for more than 20 years. Today, we are changing the CSI name to further connect our work and resources with the national PACE program. Our new name is PACE Southeast Michigan, which also further defines our service areas.

PACE stands for Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, a unique health plan funded by Medicare and Medicaid that provides comprehensive care and services to eligible seniors. Our new name highlights the PACE brand and its strong roots of person-focused, integrated team-based care. It also offers a greater description of the important work we do as one of 107 PACE programs in the U.S.

PACE Southeast Michigan, a non-profit organization jointly owned by Henry Ford Health System and the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, serves seniors at two locations — Detroit Northwest College Park and the Thome Rivertown Neighborhood. The program brings together all of the care needed including medical, social, behavioral, nutritional, pharmaceutical, rehabilitative and transportation services in a truly integrated model where the interdisciplinary team builds a strong relationship with each participant.

The new name **does not** change the high level of care, services and programs we currently offer our participants. Rather, we will expand our reach and presence to better serve seniors living in southeast Michigan. Plans are underway to establish additional PACE Southeast Michigan sites in Macomb and Oakland counties.

“The support and services we provide allow older adults to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible,” said Mary Kummer Naber, President and CEO of PACE Southeast Michigan. “Our interdisciplinary team proactively communicates and coordinates holistic care to prevent avoidable emergency visits, hospitalizations and nursing home placements, thus providing higher quality care at a lower

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cost for this very frail population. PACE Southeast Michigan is the best-kept secret in health care for seniors who want to remain independent and need supportive, comprehensive care.”

To learn more about PACE Southeast Michigan, please contact our office at 855-445-4554.

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### **About PACE Southeast Michigan**

*PACE Southeast Michigan is a unique health care plan that provides home and community-based care and services to help seniors maintain their independence. PACE Southeast Michigan brings together all the care needed, including medical, social, behavioral, nutritional, pharmaceutical, rehabilitative and transportation services in a truly integrated care model that allows participants to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible. Founded in 1994 as the Center for Senior Independence, PACE Southeast Michigan is a non-profit organization jointly owned by Henry Ford Health System and the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan.*

### **About PACE®**

*PACE® serves individuals who are age 55 or older, certified by their state to need nursing home care, able to live safely in the community at the time of enrollment and live in a PACE service area. While all PACE participants must be certified to need nursing home care to enroll in PACE, only about 7 percent of PACE participants nationally reside in a nursing home. If a PACE enrollee need nursing home care, the PACE program pays for it and continues to coordinate the enrollee’s care.*