**October 10,2023 Supporting Older Adults and Their Families**

Sub-group:**Service Options and Payment Models**

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**Area of focus:** Service Options and Payment Model is focused to ensure a diverse range of service options and explore flexible payment models to accommodate the needs and preferences of older adults and their families.

**Recommendations**

* Build a uniform data set for HCBS to achieve value-based pricing as Medicaid value-based care is the direction CMS and Medicaid would like to go.
* Medicaid expansion *should* increase access to care .

**Challenges**

* Providers are very sliced or in silo

**Resources**

* PACE is a holistic program for dually eligible individuals to keep them at home and out of SNF.
* *2022 report from Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging (GAC): Integrate health and human services organizations in a value-based payment system,*
* *2022 report from GAC: Implement a value-based payment system to address many of the barriers to successful integration and collaboration as identified by Medical and social services stakeholders and practitioners. (Currently, PACE is the best example of this care model.)*

**Research Needed/Questions to answer:**

* Research what others (states) are doing that NC can leverage?
	+ Kay volunteered (thanks) to do some research, but we need to clarify the questions.
* What are the current service options? [we need to refine what we are looking for because each setting has numerous service options – shall we focus on LTSS? HCBS?]
	+ PACE is an excellent model. How to expand the number of recipients and coverage area?
* What are the current payment models? [we need to refine what we are looking for because each setting has numerous payment models - shall we focus on LTSS? HCBS?]
* Where are the gaps?
* What are the barriers?

**Next steps:**

* Share the GAC’s 2022 report (Bill)
* Invite PACE program administrator to learn of the benefits and gaps (Tina)

**General Notes/Thoughts:** *Below is a summary of what individuals are looking to accomplish as I understood them, rather than verbatim.*

* Less stress for managing aging.
* Increase resources to age in place.
* Increase services, especially to meet the unique needs of Latinx population.
* Technology to improve access to care by leveraging technology to age in place.
* Kristen Brannock – Increase attending on age friendly communities to leverage public and private organization to support aging in place.
* Laura Strunin -Expanded support for caregivers (tangible financial and technology solutions)
* Lee Covington – Funding for accessible transportation
* Linda Atack – multi-generational programming and housing.
* Neil Saah – CareYaya – care solutions for aging in place. Increase the workforce.
* Tammy Koger – Implementation of universal designs and funding for smart home technologies to support aging in place.
* Sue Deaton – progressive and innovative models for service delivery and supporting caregivers, including family caregivers.
* Vanessa – accessible resources
* AARP - Delivering what people are asking for…age in place. Affordable housing, transportation
* Diana Baker – less barriers for older adults to access services to age in place.