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**PACE® Southeast Michigan to Participate in Older Michiganians' Day**  
*Will Advocate on Behalf of Seniors*

**Detroit, MI** – On June 2, seniors from across the state will descend on Lansing for the annual Older Michiganians' Day. Participants from PACE Southeast Michigan - a health plan and health provider for qualified seniors - will be there with them.

This year's platform for Older Michiganians' Day is "A Voice for Michigan's Aging." Hundreds of seniors, service providers and senior advocates will gather on the east Capitol lawn in the morning before meeting with their state representatives and senators. In addition to meeting legislators, the day's activities include a rally, presentation of Senior Citizen of the Year Awards and a speech by a representative from the Governor's office.

PACE Southeast Michigan will be taking two buses with participants and staff to the event providing door-to-door transportation for its seniors. The organization will also have an information table on the Capitol lawn.

Some of the issues for which PACE Southeast Michigan participants will be advocating are improving access to affordable long-term care supports and services including Governor Snyder's budget recommendation to expand PACE programs in Michigan; continue support of adequate funding for elder abuse prevention; legislation to provide a tax credit to make homes more accessible so seniors can remain in their homes.

"Our senior participants are eager to meet their legislators and share the unique needs and interests of older adults in Michigan," said Mary Naber, President and CEO of PACE Southeast Michigan. "We look forward to providing them with this opportunity to advocate alongside their peers from around the state."

Older Michiganians' Day is free and open to the public. For more information please call 313-585-3645.

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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, 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. For more information visit [www.pacesemi.org](http://www.pacesemi.org).*