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HCBS eFMAP Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

Program Overview

March 2023

Webinar Logistics

- All participants will remain muted throughout each of the presentations
- Questions during the presentations can be submitted through the Q&A function
- Slides from each presentation will be emailed to PACE plans after the webinar
- A question-and-answer period will be held at the end of each presentation. Attendees will be able to be unmuted to ask questions.
- Questions will be answered as time permits
- Answers provided to questions submitted during the webinar will be based on current information, and thus may not constitute a complete or final answer
- Additional questions may be submitted after the presentations to mltinfo@health.ny.gov with the subject lines
 - “PACE ARPA” OR
 - “PACE Direct Eligibility”

Agenda

- PACE Proposal Overview
- Responsibilities and Timelines
- Spending Considerations
- Next Steps
- Questions and Answers

PACE Proposal Overview

OVERVIEW

CMS approved the use of \$40M of ARPA HCBS enhanced FMAP funds to assist the 9 PACE organizations in New York with reopening safely, building qualified workforces, and growing the PACE program.



How Will Funding Be Distributed?

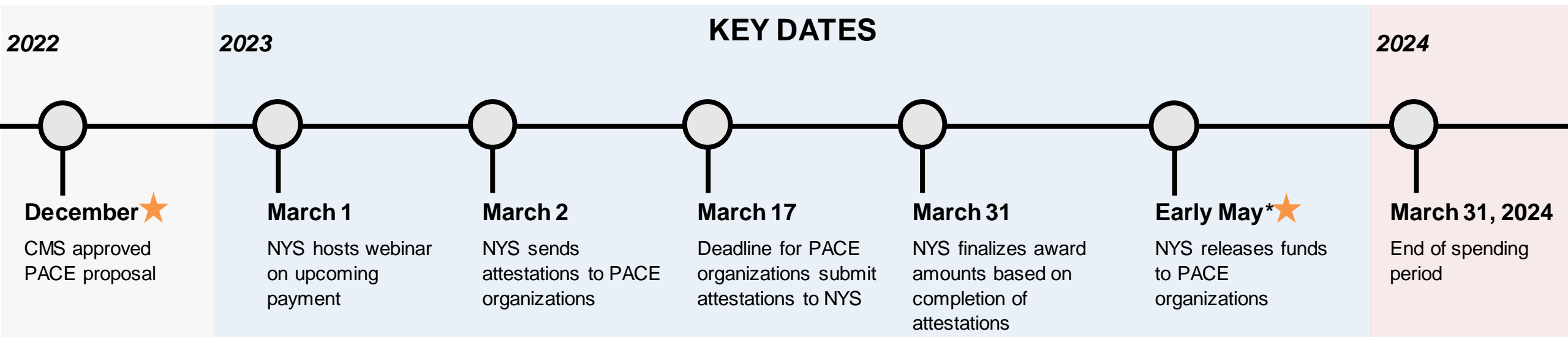


- Half of the funds (\$20M) will be **distributed equally** across all PACE organizations
- Half of the funds (\$20M) will be **distributed proportional to the number of PACE centers** operated by each PACE organization

Responsibilities and Timeline

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

-  NYS will collect attestations and finalize funding amounts to distribute to PACE organizations
-  PACE organizations must attest that they will spend funds on appropriate uses and that they will spend the funds before March 31, 2024. NYS will only provide funds from this initiative to PACE organizations that attest to these requirements.



**Estimated timing*

March 2023

 Milestone



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Spending Considerations

KEY GUIDANCE

- PACE organization may only use their awards to fund one or more of the following items and activities:
 1. **Investments in the Workforce**
 2. **Site Reopening and Infrastructure Upgrades**
 3. **Growing the PACE Program**
- Funds cannot be used to pay for awards, benefit programs, or salary increases for administrative staff, managers, and executive staff. Funds cannot be used to support current wage levels, including overtime, for any employees.
- Funding cannot be used to supplant current or already planned expenses.
- PACE organizations must spend all funds by **March 31, 2024.**

How Must Providers Spend Their Awards?

Workforce Recruitment and Retention Investments

Examples include:

- Employee recognition and retention activities
- Employee development and training initiatives
- Enhanced employee benefits
- Employee recruitment efforts

Site Reopening and Infrastructure Upgrades

Examples include:

- Purchasing PPE
- Educating staff about COVID-19 vaccination and testing
- Renovating / improving PACE centers for infection prevention
- Installing symptom screening devices

Growing the PACE Program

Examples include:

- Expanding capabilities for telehealth and telemedicine
- Increasing outreach and education
- Expanding capacity to address social determinants of health and health disparities

Comprehensive spending guidance will be provided to PACE organizations shortly.

Next Steps

- NYS will send attestations to PACE organizations this week.
- PACE organizations will have until **March 17, 2023** to submit attestations to maintain eligibility for funding.
- NYS will issue funds to PACE organizations targeting May 2023.

**Any questions can be sent to
DOH at MLTCinfo@health.ny.gov
(Include the subject line “PACE ARPA”)**