

Comments in support of House Bill 1004

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- Volunteers of America is one of 15 organizations selected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to develop a rural model of PACE.
- Our program in Delta and Montrose Counties in Western Colorado has been warmly welcomed and because of PACE, these independent people are able to remain so.
- While the need for PACE in rural communities has proved to be great, it is a constant challenge to find qualified professionals with the skills necessary for this frail geriatric population.
- It is harder yet to find providers who understand the unique nature of PACE.
- In order for PACE to be successful in our rural communities, it will be important to have the ability to employ physicians.
- In addition to PACE being able to recruit physicians as employees, the physicians would also be offered health and other insurance and benefits made available to all employees by the PACE organization - which would be more cost-effective for the physician and for PACE.
- I ask for your support of House Bill 1004