# FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOPE

Housing and Care Solution for Those Who Served



#### What is PACE?

A specialized model of Geriatric Care designed to keep older adults independent, in the community, and out of nursing homes.

#### **How is PACE different?**

The PACE IDT, caring exclusively for a small number of complex patients, provides and coordinates all patient care.

This model of care improves healthcare outcomes and increases caregiver support.





#### **Harbor Health PACE Services**

All medically necessary MassHealth and Medicare services are covered

No copayments, deductibles, or coinsurance.

Additional services to support living at home:

- Housing search services
- Coordination of governmental benefits (SNAP)
- Advance Directives
- Food security
- Caregiver support
- End of life services

#### **PACE Services** Therapies Home Care Meals Primary Care Behavioral Health Prescription Drugs Transportation SNF Rehabilitation Day Center, Respite, Acute Medical and Therapeutic and Specialists and Long-Term Care Recreation Other services needed to

remain safely in the community



### **HUD-VASH (VA Supportive Housing) PROGRAM**

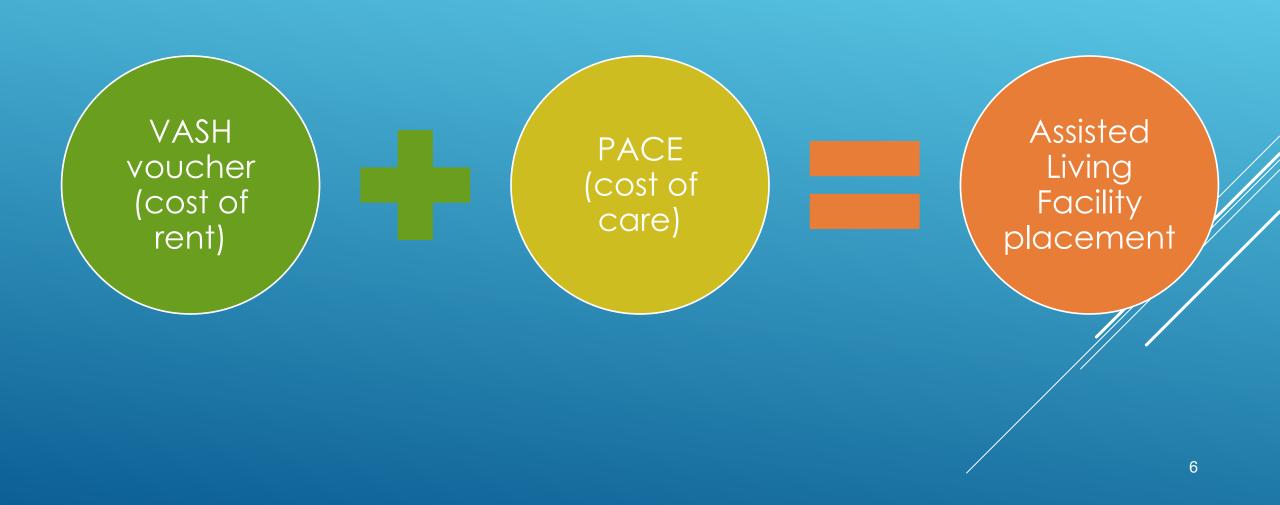
- A partnership between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH) to provide
  - Section 8 housing vouchers and
  - Case management, clinical, and supportive services to eligible Veterans and their families experiencing homelessness.
- HUD-VASH Vouchers are administered through various public housing authorities.
- Ongoing case management services are provided by HUD-VASH multi-disciplinary team.



### **HUD-VASH PROGRAM CONT.**

- > Goals
  - help Veterans (and their families) find and sustain permanent housing
  - access healthcare, mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment, employment, (increase) income, legal services, etc.
- Commitment to Veterans and to ending Veteran homelessness.
- > Housing First model: low\* barriers or service mandates to housing.
- Community-based program.

### **HOUSING AND CARE SOLUTION**



### CASE STUDY #1: MR. T (AGE 82)



Referred to HUD-VASH and Harbor PACE in October 2024



Lived in a place not meant for human habitation for several years prior to coming to live in transitional housing where he fell twice



Was in skilled nursing facility for rehabilitation at the time of VASH intake and determined to need a higher level of care with medical oversight



Moved into an assisted living facility in December 2024



PACE enrollment January 2025.

## CASE STUDY #1 CONT.

- ► Monthly income
  - ► Social Security: \$1148
  - ▶ VA Service Connection: \$1361
- ► HUD-VASH voucher
  - ► Voucher: \$1792
  - ▶ Tenant Share: \$767
- ▶PACE care contribution: \$1800/

Assisted living facility (tax credit unit) cost: \$4995

### CASE STUDY #2: MR. G (AGE 74)



Lived in apartment with HUD-VASH voucher



Medical needs increased, requiring a higher level of care; started exploring other housing options in December 2024



Wanted to remain in the community and maintain independence; chose assisted living



Moved into an assisted living facility in March 2025



PACE enrollment pending.

### CASE STUDY #2 CONT.

- ► Monthly income
  - ► Social Security: \$1652
- ► HUD-VASH voucher
  - ► Voucher: \$2058
  - ► Tenant Share: \$592
- ▶ PACE care contribution: \$1800

Assisted living facility (tax credity unit) cost: \$4995

#### **RESOURCES**

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VA HUD-VASH Program: <a href="https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp">https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp</a>

National PACE Association: <a href="https://NPAonline.org">https://NPAonline.org</a>