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THE JOHN A. HARTFORD FOUNDATION SUPPORTS PACE AS A PROMISING MEDICARE MODEL

New York, NY (June 7, 2017) – Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN, president of The John A. Hartford Foundation in New York City, applauds the U.S. House of Representatives, Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health and Chairman Pat Tiberi for calling a hearing today on Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and other Medicare programs that promote integrated and coordinated care for our most vulnerable older adults and people living with disabilities:

"PACE is a comprehensive, cost-effective care model that has been proven to help frail older people age at home rather than in a nursing home.

"Today PACE programs are integrating preventive, primary, and acute care with social supports and services for nearly 40,000 individuals in 31 states, mostly low-income older adults eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.

"However, with the rapidly growing aging population and already 1.4 million people living in nursing homes, it is clear that many more Medicare beneficiaries with complex needs could benefit from PACE and similar person-centered care models.

"The John A. Hartford Foundation is proud to have supported the early development of PACE with grant funding and pleased to be working now with the National PACE Association (NPA) to expand access to the program. We support NPA's call for more flexible regulation, PACE pilot programs to serve new populations, and strategies for addressing affordability and access for Medicare-only PACE participants."

About Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN

Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN is the president of The John A. Hartford Foundation in New York City, a foundation dedicated to improving the care of older adults. She was recently recognized for her leadership as one of the top 50 Influencers in Aging by PBS's Next Avenue, the premier digital publication dedicated to covering issues for older Americans. Dr. Fulmer is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine). She previously served as Distinguished Professor and Dean of the Bouvé College of Health Sciences & Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Northeastern University. Prior to that, she served as the Erline Perkins McGriff Professor of Nursing and founding Dean of the New York University College of Nursing. Dr. Fulmer is nationally and internationally recognized as a leading expert in geriatrics and is best known for her research on the topic of elder abuse and neglect. Her clinical appointments have included the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, the Massachusetts General Hospital, and the NYU Langone

Medical Center. She received her bachelor's degree from Skidmore College, her master's and doctoral degrees from Boston College and her Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate from New York University. To learn more about Dr. Fulmer, please visit www.johnahartford.org/about/staff/terry-fulmer.

About The John A. Hartford Foundation

Founded in 1929 by John and George Hartford of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P groceries), The John A. Hartford Foundation, based in New York City, is a private, nonpartisan philanthropy dedicated to improving the care of older adults. Every eight seconds, someone in America turns 65. The largest-ever generation of older adults is living and working longer, redefining later life, and enriching our communities and society. Comprehensive, coordinated, and continuous care that keeps older adults as healthy as possible is essential to sustaining these valuable contributions. The John A. Hartford Foundation believes that its investments in aging experts and innovations can transform how care is delivered, lowering costs and dramatically improving the health of older adults. Additional information about the Foundation and its programs is available at www.johnahartford.org.

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