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Huron Valley PACE Extends Reach in Livingston County

State Approves Additional Zip Codes for Expanded PACE Services

Ypsilanti, MI, January 23, 2020 – Huron Valley PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) in Ypsilanti recently received approval from the State of Michigan to expand its services into several new zip codes in Livingston County. These include 48114 (Brighton), 48169 (Pinckney), 48353 (Hartland), and 48843 (Howell). An affiliate of United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC), Huron Valley PACE currently serves vulnerable, older adults living in Washtenaw and Monroe counties, as well as parts of Oakland, Wayne, and Livingston counties.

“We are delighted to get this news from the State of Michigan which allows us to increase our footprint in Livingston County,” says Lindsay Mann-Shanahan, MHA, Huron Valley PACE Marketing Manager. “There are pockets of need among low-income older adults living in these areas and limited resources available to them. Huron Valley PACE has had many inquiries from these zip codes since we opened in 2014. Being able to serve more people in Livingston County is huge.”

Huron Valley PACE serves the social, medical, and supportive needs of low-income, older adults, ages 55 and up, who live within the PACE service area and who are certified as meeting the State of Michigan criteria for nursing facility level of care, but can live safely in their homes and communities, thanks to PACE support. PACE offers a cost-effective alternative to nursing home care, providing overall savings of 40% to the State. Services are offered at the Huron Valley PACE Day Health Center in Ypsilanti, including comprehensive medical, occupational and physical therapy, pharmacy needs, nutrition and meals, health education, social and recreational activities, and door-to-door transportation.

Huron Valley PACE currently serves 184 older adults, 98% of whom live below the poverty level and are dual-eligible for Medicare and Medicaid or have Medicaid only. In 2019, UMRC completed an expansion project at Huron Valley PACE to double its size and capacity, with support from a \$1 million grant from The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation and a \$500,000 capital support grant from the UMRC Foundation.

To learn more about Huron Valley PACE, contact Lindsay Mann-Shanahan at 734-879-0323 or by e-mail at lmann-shanahan@hvp pace.org.

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*The mission of **Huron Valley PACE** is to enhance the lives and independence of our participants by providing state-of-the-art geriatric health and community-based services. Its vision is to serve as a local, regional and national resource in the provision of state-of-the-art geriatric health and community-based services that recognize the dignity, independence and quality of life for older adults wishing to remain in their homes. huronvalleypace.org/734.572.5777*

*Building on a foundation of 113 years of service, **United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC)** is a faith-based, nonprofit organization that promotes the wellness, dignity and independence of older adults, by providing high quality, innovative and compassionate senior residential and supportive services. UMRC recently affiliated, under shared governance and leadership, with **Porter Hills**, based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Together, these organizations represent the second largest nonprofit senior living organization in Michigan. With a tradition of exceptional quality and a commitment to cutting-edge care, these faith-based organizations and their affiliates combine to serve more than 6,700 older adults each year, from 24 locations and service lines, across 22 counties in Michigan's lower peninsula. UMRC and Porter Hills make up one of the state's leading providers of PACE services, serving approximately 1,000 older adults across 15 Michigan counties. umrc.com/734.433.1000*

*The **UMRC Foundation** is the charitable arm for United Methodist Retirement Communities, with headquarters in Chelsea, Michigan. Since its inception in 1998, the UMRC Foundation has provided over \$18,500,000 through its Benevolent Care Fund to help UMRC residents remain in their homes when they outlive their resources. The mission of the UMRC Foundation is to promote the wellness, dignity, and independence of seniors by supporting UMRC residents, staff, and the communities UMRC serves. umrcfoundation.com/734.433.1000*