

Presentation #12.F



Recommendations on access to long-term care programs

The task force shall ...

Make recommendations related to key regulatory provisions necessary for the public to access existing long-term care insurance programs and participate in future long-term care insurance programs, whether those programs are recommended by the task force or otherwise.

California Insurance Code, 10234.75 (e)(6).

Potential recommendations

1. A work group should be created to examine how eligibility processes can be coordinated with other state long-term services and supports (LTSS) programs.

- Potential issues:
 - What data is collected.
 - Who performs the assessment.
 - How to exchange information with other programs (to reduce the need for duplicative assessments).

Potential recommendations

2. Legislation should allow the state LTSS benefit to be used to pay a portion of the PACE premium.

- For example, define PACE as a covered benefit/provider and/or the PACE premium as a covered expense.

Potential recommendations

Potential add-on or alternative to #2

A work group should be created to examine how a state LTSS benefit can be used to pay a portion of the PACE premium.

- Potential issues:
 - State and federal regulatory obstacles.
 - Impact on PACE (funding, enrollment, providers, etc.).
 - Medi-Cal and state LTSS benefit coordination.

Potential recommendations

3. Legislation should allow insurers to sell supplemental “wrap-around” long-term care insurance (LTCi) that pays secondary to the state LTSS benefit.

- Regular (non-wrap-around) LTCi would still pay before the state benefit.
- Wrap-around LTCi could be defined as LTCi that is payable only after the state LTSS benefit is exhausted (or for expenses that exceed the state LTSS benefit limit).

Potential recommendations

Potential add-on or alternative to #3

A work group should be created to examine rules and features for supplemental “wrap-around” LTCi that pays secondary to the state LTSS benefit.

- Potential issues:
 - Consumer confusion.
 - Sales and marketing requirements.
 - Who can buy supplemental LTCi – only those who are vested in the state LTSS benefit?