

## Best Practices for Growth Webinar #2: Confirming Eligibility

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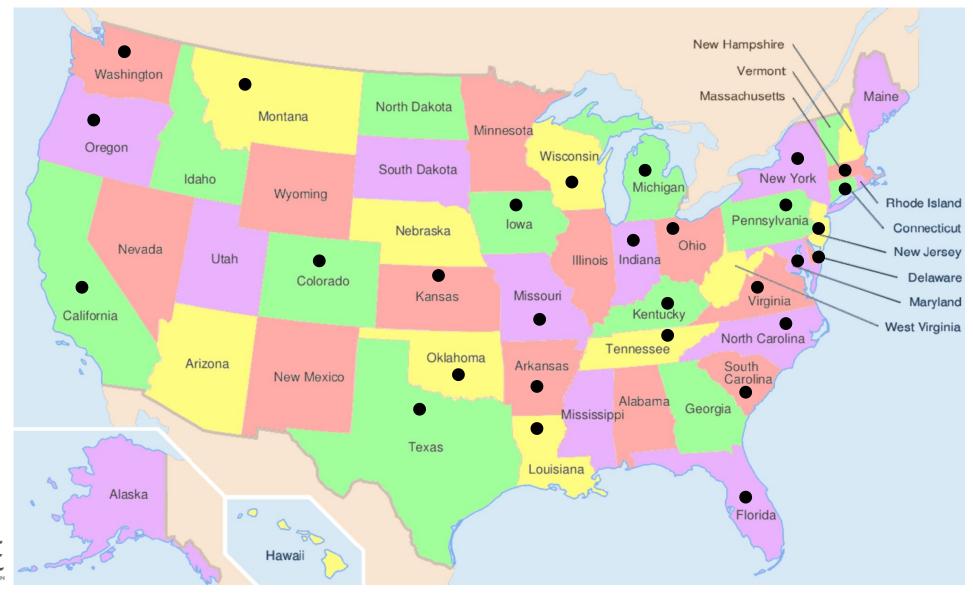
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### **Participants**



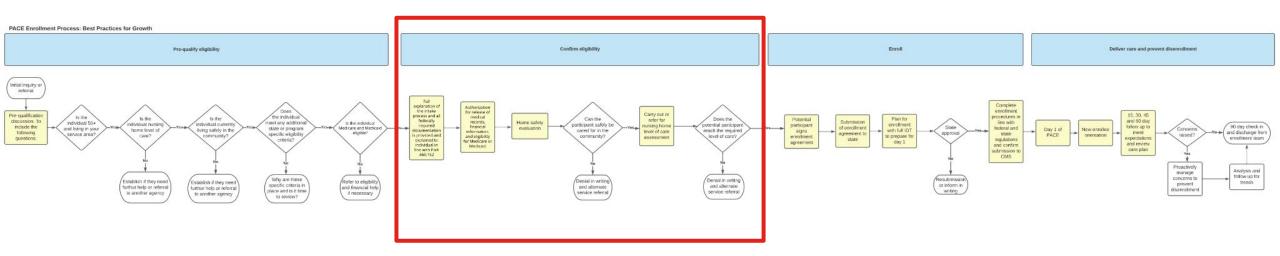


### Agenda

- Welcome (5)
- Close out pre-qualifying eligibility (15)
- Confirming eligibility overview (30)
- Process deep-dive: Application to your PACE organization (30)
- By next month (10)



### **12 Step Enrollment Process**





### **Learning objectives**

- Identify best practices for confirming eligible PACE participants
- Identify non-value added steps in your process for confirming eligible PACE participants
- Identify 1-2 changes to make to your current process to try with a prospective participant this month



## **Close out pre-qualifying eligibility**



### **80/20 Rule Refresher**

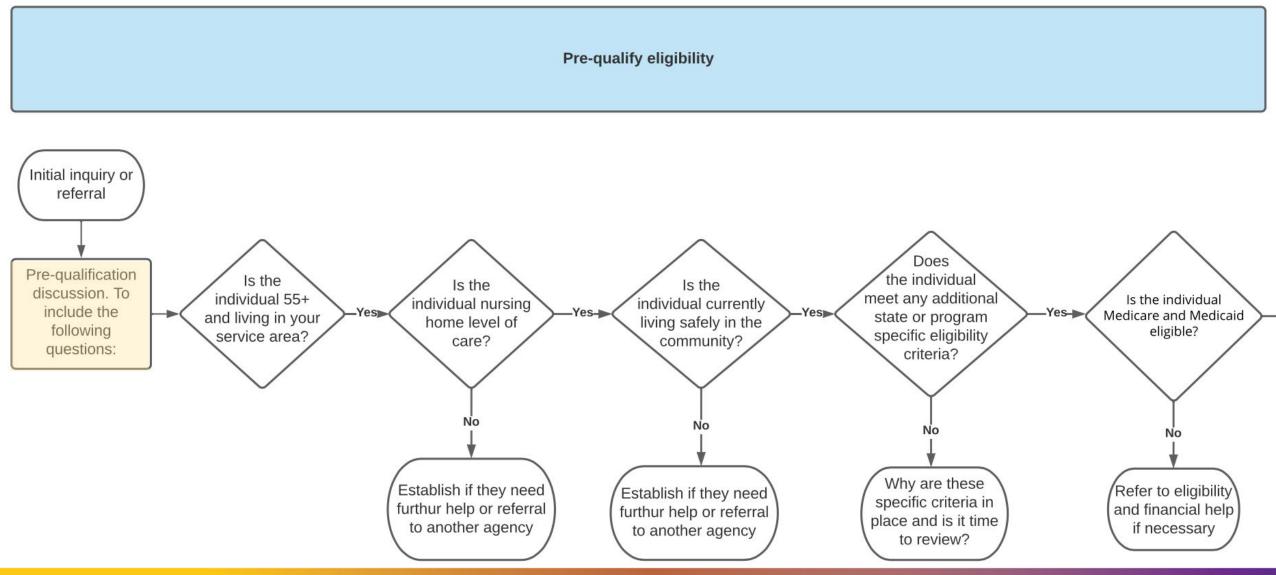
Design for the majority (80%), not the exception (20%)





### **Standard operating procedure**

**PACE Enrollment Process: Best Practices for Growth** 

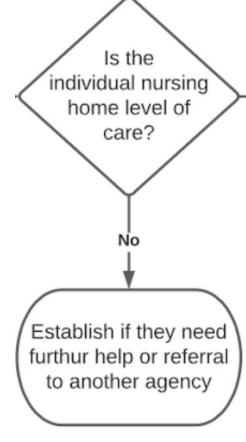


### Nursing home level of care

What five questions will "future proof" the process so that anyone can step in and do the job?

- 1. Are you currently receiving (insert your state-specific LTC service that uses the same Level of Care)?
- 2. Who assists you in the home and what do they do?
- 3. Do you get assistance from another person with daily tasks, such as going to the bathroom, getting in and out of a chair/bed or eating food?
- 4. Have you had any falls?
- 5. Does anyone help you remember medications or to pay your bills?





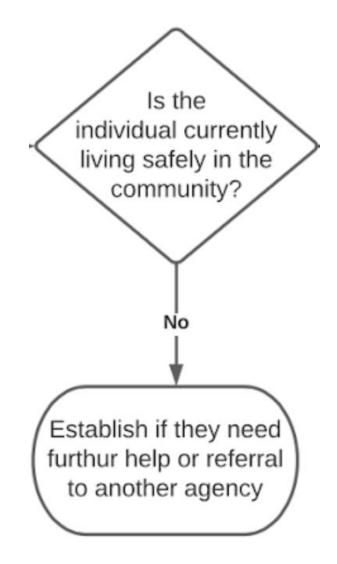
## Poll

Did you (or someone in your organization) try five scripted questions to pre-qualify nursing home level of care?



### Safety in the community

1. What would you (or your loved one) do in case of a fire?





## Poll

Did you (or someone in your organization) try the one scripted question to pre-qualify living safely in the community?



# What questions did you encounter?



## **Confirming eligibility**



## Poll

Is a 24 hour enrollment possible in your organization (i.e., inquiry to signed enrollment agreement)?

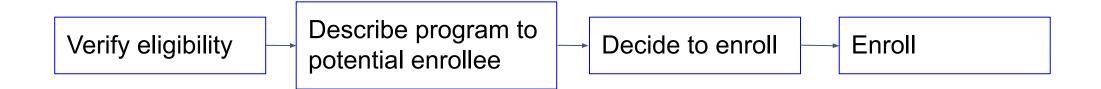


### **3 Hour Enrollment**



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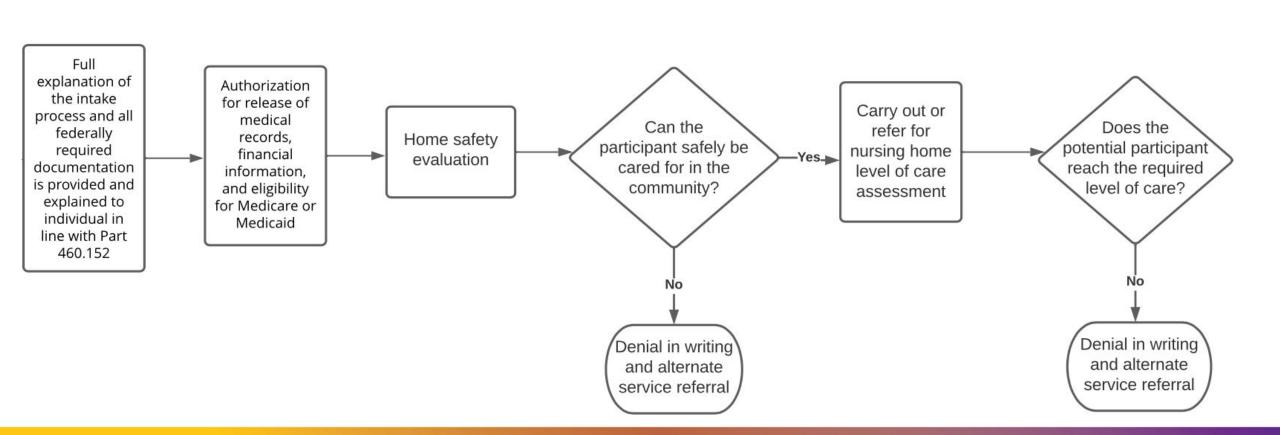
### Your system is perfectly designed to give you the results that you are getting.

Embrace being uncomfortable.

If you're not uncomfortable, the change isn't enough.

### **Standard operating procedure**

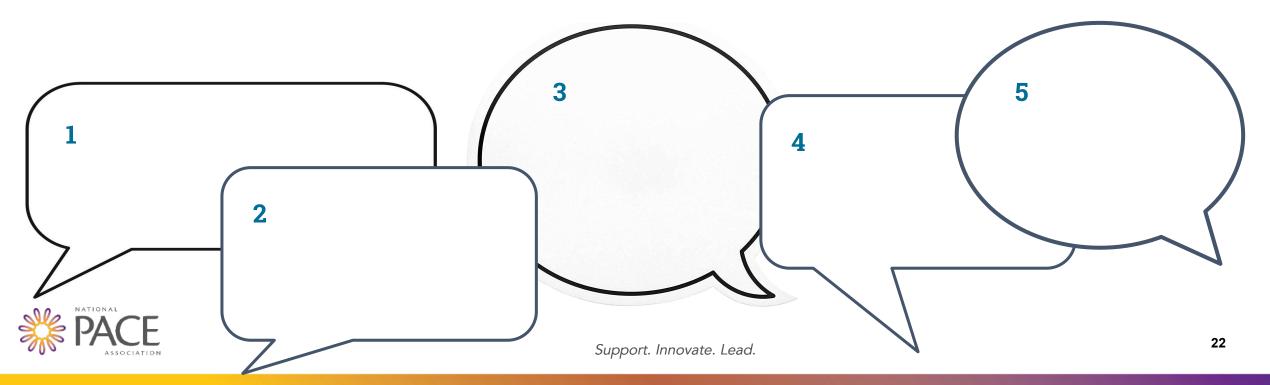
**Confirm eligibility** 



### **Guiding principles: Ask 5 Rule**

For each step in confirming eligibility, you should be able to ask five people how to do it and get the same answer.

- Each step has a sub-process
- Each sub-process should be standardized\*

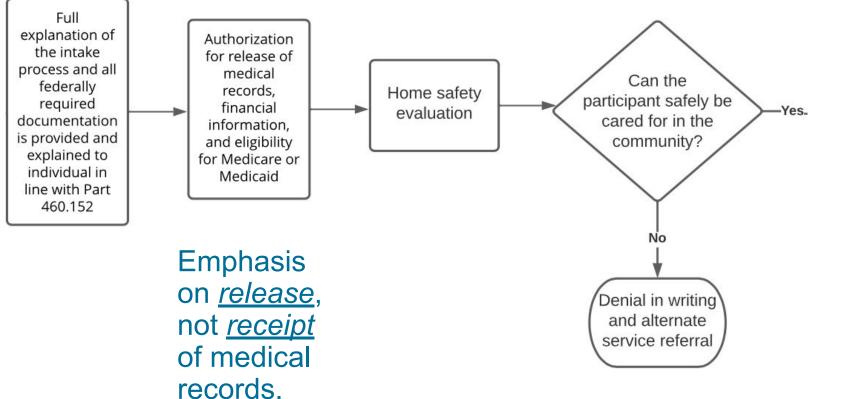


### Ask 5 rule





## One Home Visit: Standard Operating Procedure

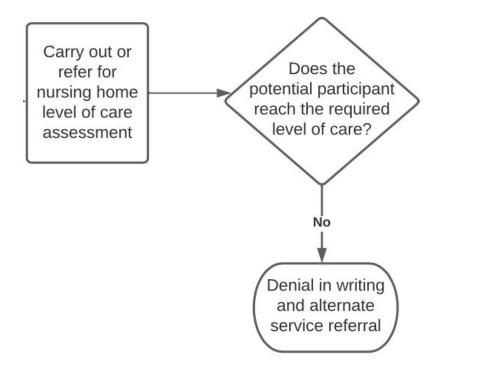


For each step:

- Who does it?
- When should it be done?
- Where is it done?
- How is it done?
- What is needed to do it?



### Level of Care Assessment: Standard Operating Procedure



1. Nurse visit to home

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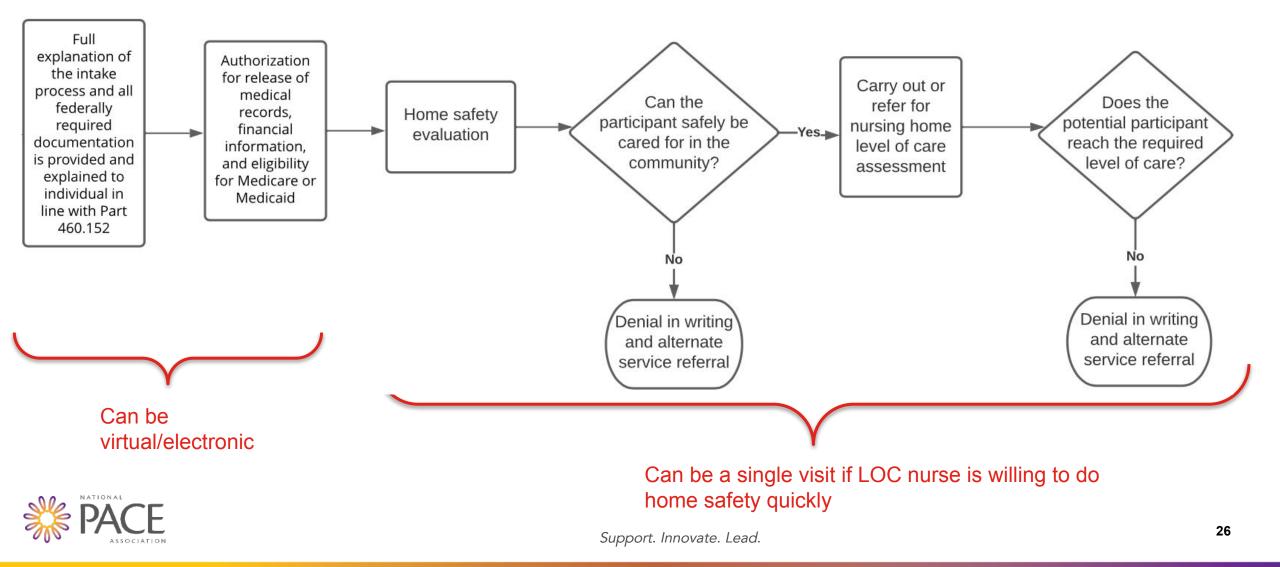
2. Participant brought to center for LOC assessment

→ Which is better use of time for participant and caregiver?

 $\rightarrow$  Which is better use of time for nursing staff?



### **Alternative – but more \$\$?**



### **Takeaways**

- Establish a predictable process within the month (or shorter!)
- Don't make this more than two steps
- These steps can be completed by the Intake/Enrollment team
- If the work can be completed by an unlicensed professional, it should be
- You don't need a care plan to submit an enrollment application
  - Don't delay care pending medical records
- Save the most expensive step for last (level of care) -- because might involve a clinical person



### If you have extra steps

Who benefits from the step?

You?

State?

Participant?



### **Questions?**





## **Process Deep Dive**

Application to Your PACE Organization



### For your consideration

If the intake and enrollment team was left to design the entire enrollment process by itself, what's the worst that would happen?



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### That sounds nice, but...

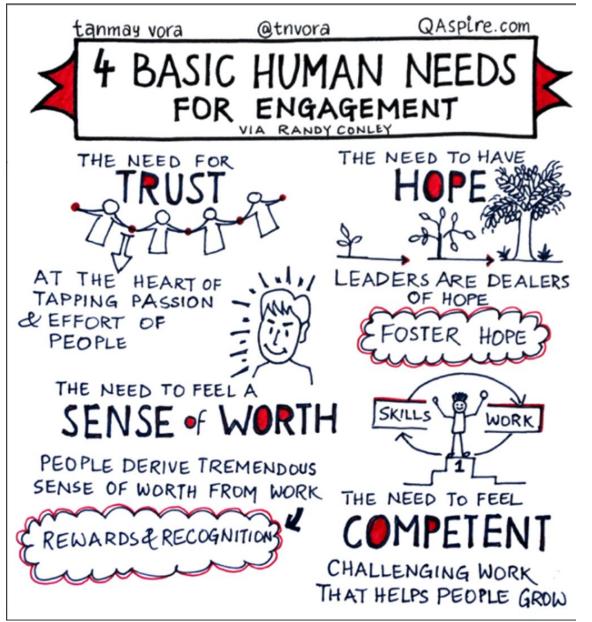
... The clinical team doesn't trust our judgment

...The intake and enrollment team isn't going to end up taking care of this person

- ... My professional judgment is on the line
- ... If we increase enrollments we won't be ready
- ...We don't have the staff capacity for growth

...Intake and enrollment need to collect enough information to present the case to the clinical team







### **What We Fear**

The clinical team doesn't meet the expectations of the enrollee

The enrollment team set expectations we can't meet / didn't explain the program well

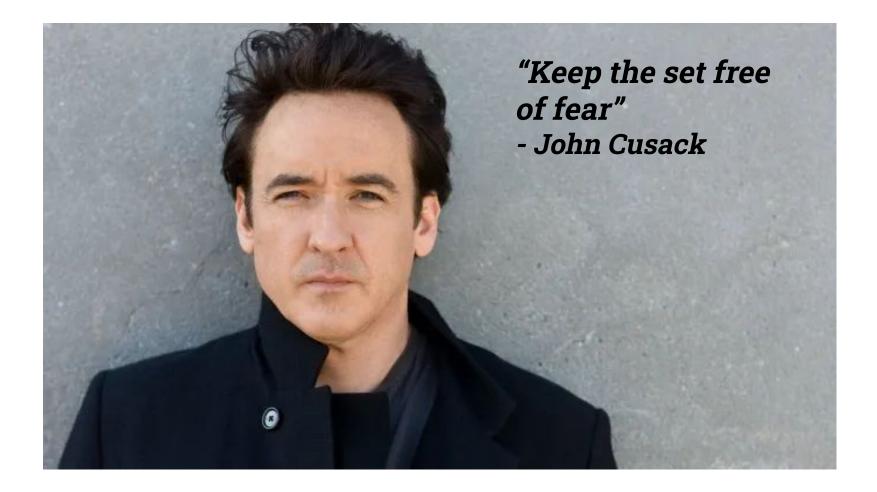








### **John Cusack Rule**





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### **Positive culture building strategies**

- 1. Get concerns out in the open
- 2. Co-design the process
- 3. Try something once





### Your Turn

What has worked for you to minimize fear?

To bring intake/enrollment and clinical teams towards trust?

## By next month





Where does your current process differ from what we have outlined?

For each different step:

- For whom does the step add value?
- How much time does the step add?
- Is the step capturing a majority of cases or a rare occurrence?
- Bottom line: Does it need to be different?



### By next webinar

#### To do:

- 1. Examine your current process. Where does it need revision?
- 2. Try this standard process with at least one inquiry to confirm eligibility of a participant. Be prepared to share.



#### **Evaluation**





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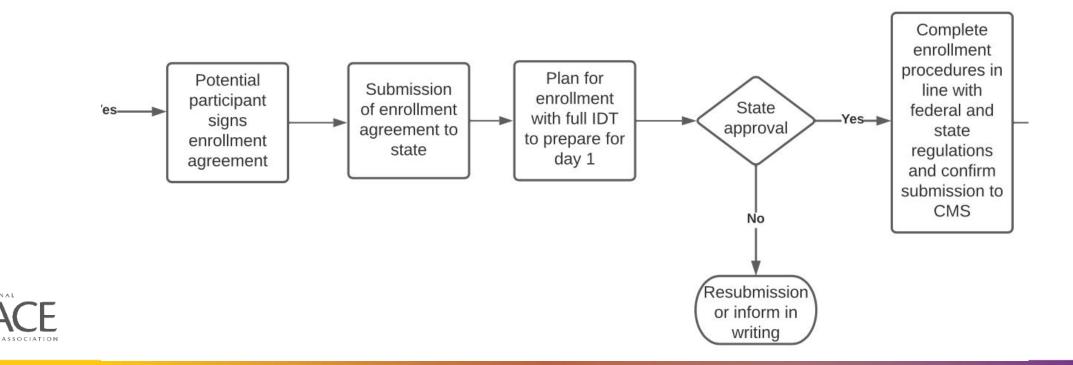
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