

# Older Adult Policy Strategy

## 2019 Aging Caucus

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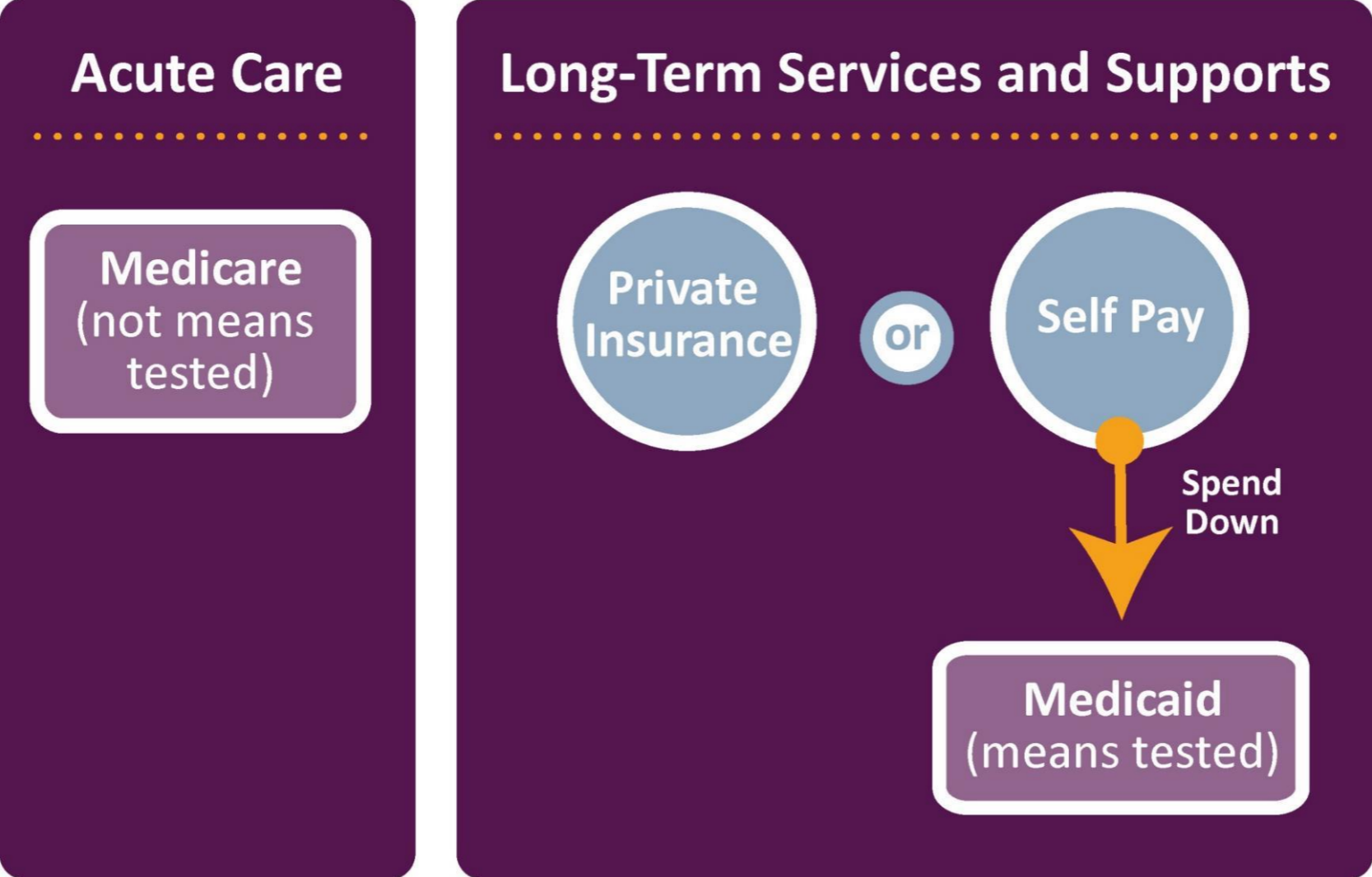
# Our Mission

Improving health care access and outcomes for the **people** we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial **resources**

# How Health First Colorado Serves Older Adults



# Medicare and Medicaid for Older Adults



# Long-Term Services and Supports



Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

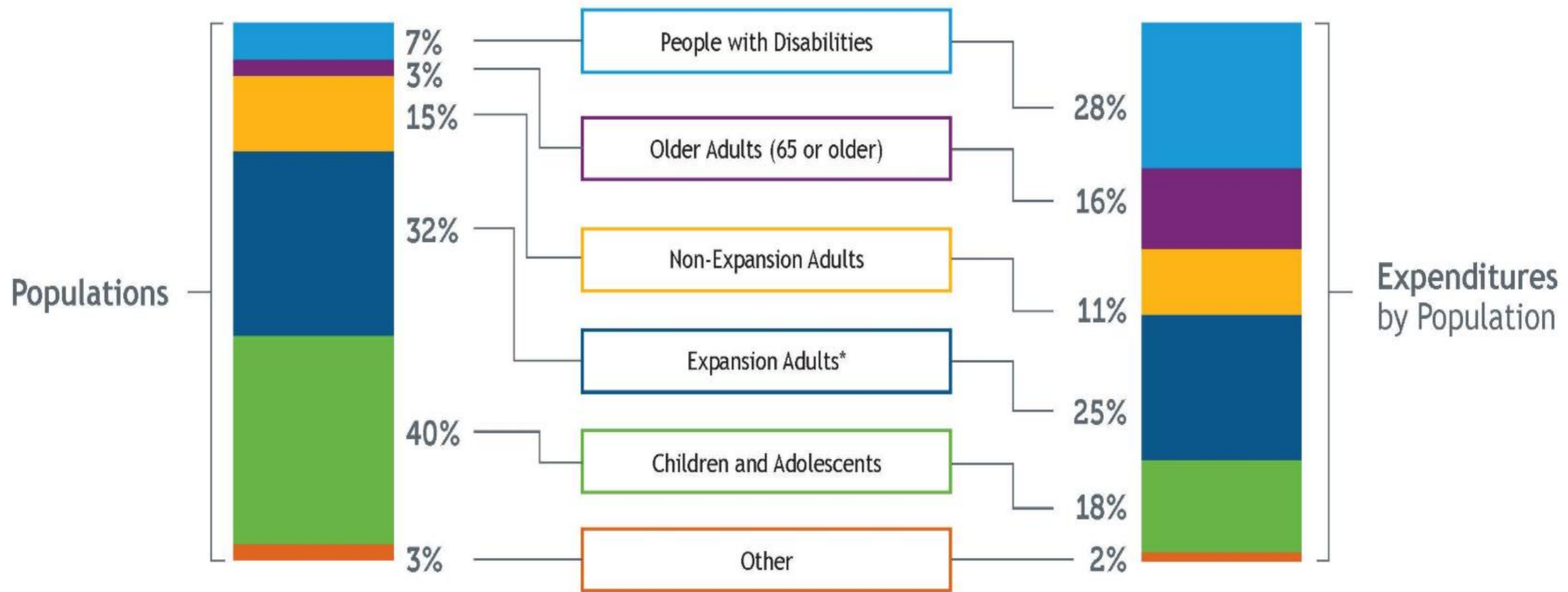


Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)



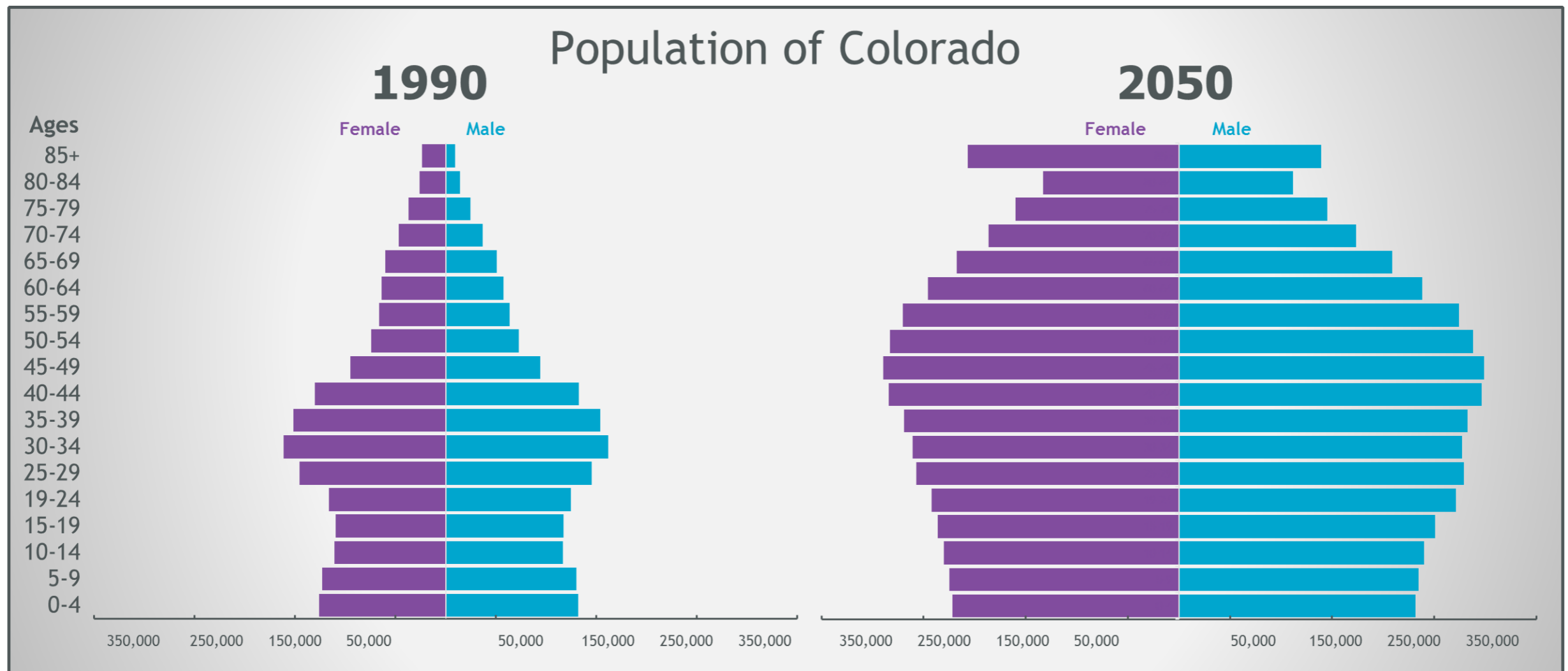
Nursing Facilities

# Why Focus on Older Adults?



\*The majority of funding for Expansion Adults is federal dollars, with the state fund source funded by the Hospital Affordability and Sustainability Fee.

# What's Different Now?



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# Medicaid Programs

## Shorter-Term Plans

- Improve **access and case management**.
- Roll-out new **assessment tool and support planning process**.
- Implement sustainability plan for **Colorado Choice Transitions** (CCT), Colorado's Money Follows the Person.
- Better understand how people are using the **PACE Program**.
- Improve **transitions from hospitals**.

# Turbo Charge the Work

- Hire **Older Adult Policy Advisor** to focus on all services and programs for older adults.
- Develop **Strategic Roadmap** for Colorado Medicaid older adult policies.
- Work with contractor to host **stakeholder strategy sessions** to develop Strategic Roadmap.

# Emerging Promising Strategies

- Consider **social determinants of health**.
- Invest in better **end of life planning**.
- Require a **comprehensive evaluation of medications**.
- Leverage the **older adult workforce** and better support the **healthcare workforce**.
- Support **family caregivers** with opportunities for respite.
- Use **technology** to improve care.
- Utilize existing funding to support **the whole individual**.

# State-Level Efforts

- **SAPGA's** Strategic Action Plan on Aging for Colorado
- Governor's **Senior Advisory on Aging**
- Launching of **Lifelong Colorado** 
- Enhanced support of the **Area Agencies on Aging**
- **Colorado Workforce Development Council-** Workforce implications of aging

# Key Takeaways

- Colorado's demographic change demands we **think and act differently about aging**.
- Health First Colorado (Medicaid) is taking steps towards developing and implementing a strategic roadmap **for serving older adults**.
- Health First Colorado is only one part of the **picture for healthy aging** in Colorado.

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# Thank You!

