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ArchCare Selected by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to Test Medicare Dementia Care Model

Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model Aims to Increase Care Coordination, Support for Caregivers

NEW YORK, NY, September 30th, 2024 — Today, ArchCare, the Continuing Care Community of the Archdioceses of New York, announced they have been selected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to participate in a new Medicare alternative payment model designed to support people living with dementia and their caregivers. Under CMS' [Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience \(GUIDE\) Model](#), ArchCare will be one of almost 400 participants building Dementia Care Programs (DCPs) across the country, working to increase care coordination and improve access to services and supports, including respite care, for people living with dementia and their caregivers.

"CMS is excited to partner with ArchCare under the GUIDE Model," said CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure. "GUIDE is a new approach to how Medicare will pay for the care of people living with dementia. The GUIDE participants are envisioning new ways to support not only people living with dementia, but also to reduce strain on the people who care for them, so that more Americans can remain in their homes and communities, rather than in institutions."

Launched on July 1, 2024, [ArchCare's Dementia Care Connect \(GUIDE\) program](#) will test a new payment approach for key supportive services furnished to people living with dementia, including comprehensive, person-centered assessments and care plans; care coordination; 24/7 access to an interdisciplinary care team member or help line; and certain respite services to support caregivers. People with dementia and their caregivers will have the assistance and support of a Care Navigator to help them access clinical and non-clinical services such as meals and transportation through community-based organizations.

"ArchCare is grateful to be selected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to participate in the GUIDE model," said Scott LaRue, President and CEO of ArchCare. "This model offers a unique opportunity to enhance care coordination and support for individuals with dementia and their caregivers. Our focus is on improving access to essential services and providing effective support, which will contribute to better outcomes for those we serve. As we look to the future, ArchCare remains committed to advancing our care strategies and expanding our reach to provide even more effective, compassionate support for our communities."

ArchCare's participation in the GUIDE Model will help people living with dementia and their caregivers have access to education and support, such as training programs on best practices for caring for a loved one living with dementia. The GUIDE Model also provides respite services for certain people, enabling caregivers to take temporary breaks from their caregiving responsibilities.

Respite is being tested under the GUIDE Model to assess its effect on helping caregivers continue to care for their loved ones at home, preventing or delaying the need for facility care. GUIDE Participants represent a wide range of health care providers, including large academic medical centers, small group practices, community-based organizations, health systems, hospice agencies, and other practices.

This model delivers on a promise in the Biden Administration's Executive Order on Increasing Access to High-Quality Care and Supporting Caregivers and aligns with the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease. For more information on CMS' GUIDE Model, please visit: <https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/innovation-models/guide>.

About ArchCare

[ArchCare](#) is the Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of New York, and one of the nation's largest and most dynamic Catholic healthcare systems. ArchCare provides quality care to thousands of people of all faiths through its home and community-based and residential care programs, including their Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) which helps people live at home for as long as possible, adult day care, long-term skilled nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, home care, assisted living, hospice, an acute care specialty hospital and services for people with Huntington's disease, HIV/AIDS, developmental disabilities, and other specialized care needs.

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