Georgia Department of Human Services
Division of Aging Services

Update:
Georgia Memory Net

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stronger families
FOR A STRONGER GEORGIA

Division Vision and Mission

Vision

Living longer, Living safely, Living well

Mission
The Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Aging Services (DAS) supports the larger goals of DHS by assisting older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities and their families and caregivers to achieve safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

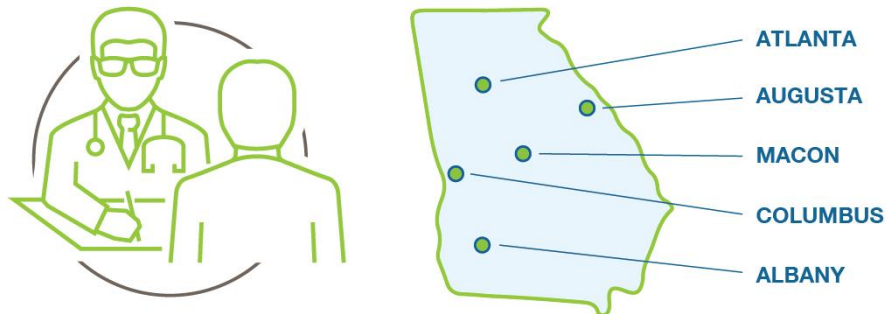# Georgia Memory Net
Progress Update

Goal

- Improve screening and care for dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease
  - Training and education for primary care providers
  - Five Memory Assessment Clinics (MACs)
  - Community resource partnerships to provide services to patients and families
  - Data collection, oversight, and evaluation

Memory Assessment Clinics

- Augusta: Augusta University (Medical College of Georgia)
  - Initiation in August 2017
- Atlanta: Grady Health (Morehouse School of Medicine)
  - Initiation in November 2017
- Macon: Navicent Health (Mercer University School of Medicine)
  - Initiation in October 2017
- Columbus: Columbus Piedmont Regional (Mercer University School of Medicine)
  - Initiation in December 2017
- Albany: Phoebe Putney Health (Medical College of Georgia)
  - Initiation in March 2018

Memory Assessment Clinic Locations

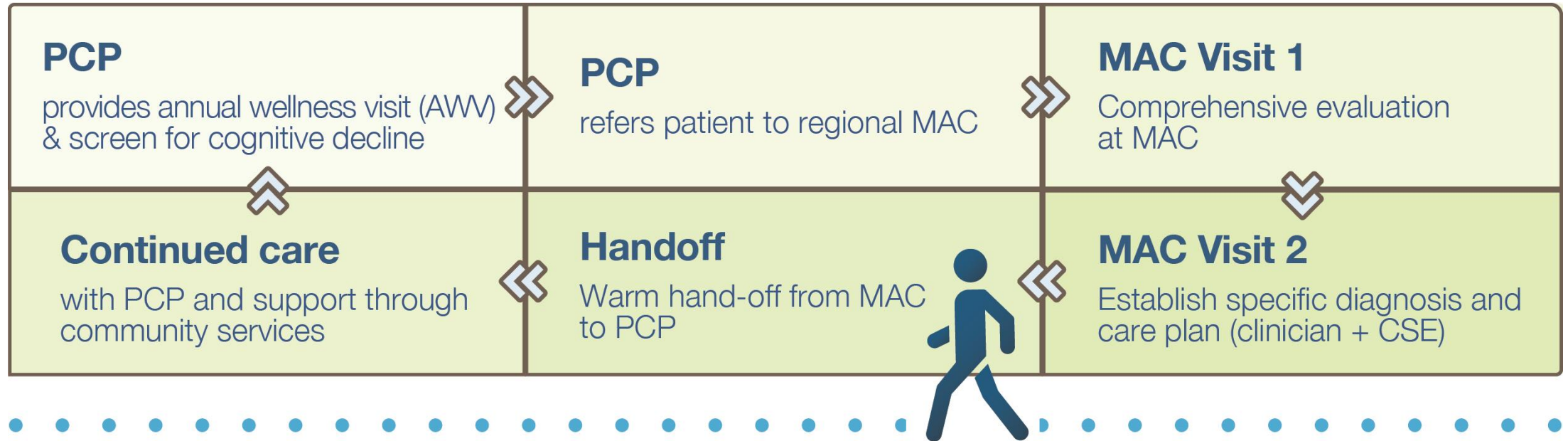ATLANTA
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Model

- Primary Care Providers
  - Annual Wellness Visit
  - Referral to MAC
- MAC Visit: two visits
  - Testing and assessments
  - Delivery of diagnosis
  - Community Services Educator (CSE)
    - Referrals & care plans sent
  - Care plan sent to PCP
- Returns to PCP to manage care

Improve Assessment During Annual Wellness Visits

Diagnose Accurately at Memory Assessment Clinics

Improve Care with PCPs and Community Services

Provide Oversight and Evaluation of Performance and Data Collection

Model

PCP provides annual wellness visit (AWV) & screen for cognitive decline	**PCP** refers patient to regional MAC	**MAC Visit 1** Comprehensive evaluation at MAC
Continued care with PCP and support through community services	**Handoff** Warm hand-off from MAC to PCP	**MAC Visit 2** Establish specific diagnosis and care plan (clinician + CSE)

Partnerships for Community Resources

- Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter
  - Resources, training for CSEs, referrals
- Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) through the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)
  - Referrals, collaborative models
- Rosalynn Carter Institute (RCI)
  - Training, resources for caregivers

Georgia Memory Net Summit

- 76 attendees
  - MAC providers/staff
  - Representatives from all AAAs, RCI, and Alzheimer's Association
  - Emory
  - DHS
- Two "tracks": Community Resources/Care Planning & Clinical
- Best practices, case studies, legislative panel, media/public messaging

What's Ahead in SFY19

• Further piloting of workflow in each MAC; increase in patient referrals

• Advisory Boards for each MAC service area

• Increase in public messaging and outreach

• Data collection to track outcomes and trends

• Advancements in IT infrastructure including data repository

Questions?