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#### **Graphical Abstract**

Personality and coping style affects mental health directly among empty-nest el derly. Coping style partially mediated the relationship between the personality an d mental health of the empty-nest elderly.

#### **Highlights**

- 1.Personality affects mental health directly among empty-nest elderly.
- 2.Coping style affects mental health directly among empty-nest elderly.
- 3.Coping style partially mediated the relationship between the personality and mental health of the empty-nest elderly.
- 4.To improve the mental health of the empty-nest elderly, coping style should be the focus.

#### Abstract

**Background:** Mental health is a growing concern among older people all over the world. China has a rapidly aging population, and the number of elderly empty-nesters,

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