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National Policy & Program Update

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Policy Vision:

Building a Society That Values and Supports People as They Age

- Health
- Long-term Services and Supports
- Economic Security
- Livable Communities
- Senior Mobility

n4a Policy Priorities

- Older Americans Act Reauthorization
- FY 2017 Appropriations Campaign
- Enhancing the Health of Older Adults

Older Americans Act Reauthorization





GET INTO THE

ACT

**THE OLDER
AMERICANS ACT**

AGING WELL SINCE 1965



OAA Reauthorization 2011-2016

- **2010-2013:** Three years of bipartisan negotiation and compromising on all sides.
- **March 2013** pain from sequestration felt keenly
- Senate bill came for vote in HELP Comm in **Fall 2013** with no changes to FF other than year update to HH.
- **Fall '13-Winter '14:** Bill derailed; working group established to look for a HH compromise.
- **Spring of 2014**, working group admitted defeat; n4a and other LCAO groups worked intensively to get the parties who had walked away from the table to re-engage.
- **114th Congress (2015):** New leadership at HELP Committee introduces similar compromise to older bill (S. 192), which passed unanimously **Jan. 28, 2015**.
- **July 16, 2015:** Senate unanimously approves S. 192 (27 co-sponsors)
- **March 21, 2016:** House passes S. 192, as Amended
- **April 7, 2016:** Senate approves House changes to S. 192
- **April 19, 2016:** President signs into law.

What's in OAA Final Bill?

- Reauthorizes the OAA through 2019
- Maintains local flexibility
- Authorization levels based on current approps, with average of 6.77 percent growth over three-year period (bit more for III B, C, D)
- Updates definitions of "adult protective services," "abuse," "exploitation and financial exploitation," and "elder justice"
- Updates the definition of "Aging and Disability Resource Center," including an emphasis on independent living and home and community-based services
- Reinforces the recent ACL Ombudsman regulations
- Clarifies current law that older adults caring for adult children with disabilities and older adults raising children under 18 are eligible to participate in NFCSP
- Emphasis on Evidence-based Programs, preventing fraud and abuse, and health and economic welfare
- Modest updates to Title V to conform with WIOA

OAA Title III Funding Formula

- Updated Law as of April 19, 2016
 - III B, C and D use same formula
 - *III E uses population 70 and older
 - 3 factors:
 - Share of population 60 and older*
 - Minimum grant (1/2 of 1% total approp)
 - Dynamic hold harmless . Changes the HH floor from the “no lower than FY 2006” approach to a “no state gets less than 99% of previous year’s allocation” approach (for 3 years). (NEW)

One Marathon Down...

OAA will up be for reauthorization again in Spring 2019.



Appropriations



President's FY 2017 Budget Request

OLDER AMERICANS ACT INCREASES

- III B Supportive Services, \$10M
- III C-1, Congregate, \$6M
- III C-2, Home-Delivered Meals, \$8M
- ADRC, \$2M
- Lifespan Respite, \$2M
- Elder Rights Support Activities, \$2M
- *All other OAA programs level funded*

n4a Appropriations Asks

- Restore the capacity of OAA programs by increasing total funding to at least FY 2010 levels with special emphasis on these programs that have had little or no relief from sequestration:
 - Title III B Supportive Services
 - Title VI Tribal Aging Programs
 - National Family Caregiver Support
 - State Long-term Care Ombudsman

Other Appropriations Asks

- ADRCs (\$6.1 mill)
- Elder Justice (\$10 mill)
- SHIPs (\$66.6 mill)
- National Aging and Disability Transportation Center
- Chronic Disease Self-Mgmt. & Falls Prevention (\$8 mill CDSMP/\$5 mill Falls)

Enhancing the Health of Older Adults





Medicaid Managed Care

- Promoting the Importance of the Aging Network
- Preventing Disruption in Integrated, Efficient, Patient-Centered Care
- Advocating for Role of Ombudsman in Ensuring Access to Care



Care Transitions and Care Coordination

- Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP), final report
- Senate Finance Committee Working Group on Chronic Disease Care Coordination

Other Vital Issues

- ADRCs
- Money Follows the Person Reauthorization
- Prevention and Wellness Programs (Prevention and Public Health Fund)
- Veteran Directed HCBS



n4a Programmatic Priorities

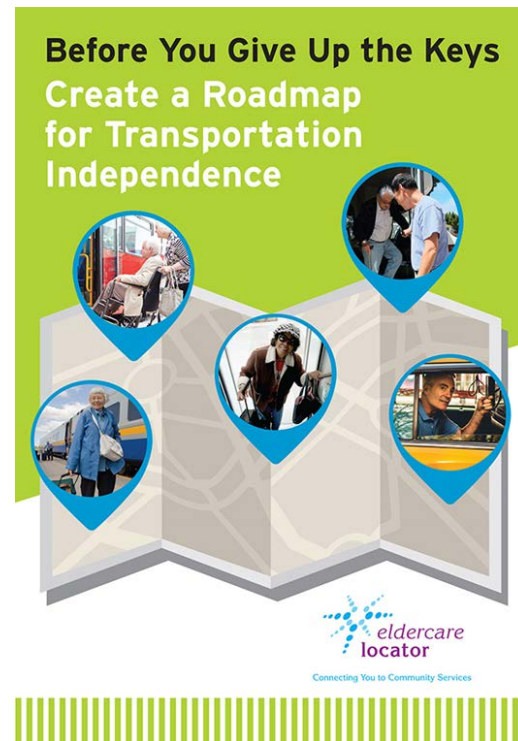
- Connecting to and Educating Older Adults and Their Caregivers Consumers on Aging and Disability Services
- Tracking the Trends in the Aging Network
- Building Business Acumen of the Aging Network
- Supporting Aging and Disability Transportation and Mobility Options
- Enhancing and Supporting Volunteer Service in the Aging Network
- Promoting Livable Communities and Dementia-Friendly Communities
- Getting Consumers Connected to Benefits

Eldercare Locator

- Connecting to 300,000 consumers a year
- Topic issues:
 - Transportation
 - Home and Community-based Services
 - Housing Assistance
 - Health/Medical Support
 - Insurance Issues

Consumer Publications:

- Planning to Meet Your Transportation Needs
- Preventing Home Repair Scams (coming soon)





Aging and Disability Partnership

for Managed Long-Term Services and Supports

Aging and Disability Business Center





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NATIONAL AGING AND DISABILITY
TRANSPORTATION CENTER



NCOA/n4a- Benefits Campaign



Making Communities Livable for People with Dementia and Their Caregivers



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