

**UNOFFICIAL COMPILATION  
OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965  
AS AMENDED THROUGH MARCH 2001**

Introduction: The Older Americans Act was amended during the fall of 2000 by the enactment of HR 782. As of March 2001, an official compilation of the Act as amended had still not been printed. To assist a variety of organizations who would find it useful to have a complete version of the OAA which includes the amendments adopted by Congress in 2000, The Center for Social Gerontology has begun to put together an unofficial compilation of the changes to the Older Americans Act. As we complete each Title of the Act, we will be putting it on our web site; for convenience in downloading the documents, we are putting each Title of the OAA in a separate pdf file. Because this is an unofficial copy of the amended OAA, it is possible that there will be some mistakes in it; The Center for Social Gerontology takes no responsibility for any problems these errors may cause. If you should find something which you feel to be an error, please contact us, and we will make any necessary changes.

**TITLE III--GRANTS FOR STATE AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ON AGING  
PART A--GENERAL PROVISIONS  
PURPOSE; ADMINISTRATION**

**SECTION 301 (42 U.S.C. 3021)**

- (a) (1) It is the purpose of this title to encourage and assist State agencies and area agencies on aging to concentrate resources in order to develop greater capacity and foster the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated systems to serve older individuals by entering into new cooperative arrangements in each State with the persons described in paragraph (2), for the planning, and for the provision of, supportive services, and multipurpose senior centers, in order to--
- (A) secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity in a home environment for older individuals capable of self care with appropriate supportive services;
  - (B) remove individual and social barriers to economic and personal independence for older individuals;
  - (C) provide a continuum of care for vulnerable older individuals; and
  - (D) secure the opportunity for older individuals to receive managed in-home and community-based long-term care services.
- (2) The persons referred to in paragraph (1) include--
- (A) State agencies and area agencies on aging;
  - (B) other State agencies, including agencies that administer home and community care programs;
  - (C) Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations;

(D) the providers, including voluntary organizations or other private sector organizations, of supportive services, nutrition services, and multipurpose senior centers; and

(E) organizations representing or employing older individuals or their families.

(b) (1) In order to effectively carry out the purpose of this title, the Assistant Secretary shall administer programs under this title through the Administration.

(2) In carrying out the provisions of this title, the Assistant Secretary may request the technical assistance and cooperation of the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Transportation, the Office of Community Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and such other agencies and departments of the Federal Government as may be appropriate.

(c) The Assistant Secretary shall provide technical assistance and training (by contract, grant, or otherwise) to State long-term care ombudsman programs established under section 307(a)(9) in accordance with section 712, and to individuals within such programs designated under section 712 to be representatives of a long-term care ombudsman, in order to enable such ombudsmen and such representatives to carry out the ombudsman program effectively.

(d) (1) *Any funds received under an allotment as described in section 301(a), or funds contributed toward the non-Federal share under section 304(d), shall be used only for activities and services to benefit older individuals and other individuals as specifically provided for in this title.*

(2) *No provision of this title shall be construed as prohibiting a State agency or area agency on aging from providing services by using funds from sources not described in paragraph (1).*

## **SECTION 302 (42 U.S.C. 3022) DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this title--

(1) The term "comprehensive and coordinated system" means a system for providing all necessary supportive services, including nutrition services, in a manner designed to--

(A) facilitate accessibility to, and utilization of, all supportive services and nutrition services provided within the geographic area served by such system by any public or private agency or organization;

(B) develop and make the most efficient use of supportive services and nutrition services in meeting the needs of older individuals;

(C) use available resources efficiently and with a minimum of duplication; and

(D) encourage and assist public and private entities that have unrealized potential for meeting the service needs of older individuals to assist the older individuals on a voluntary basis.

(2) The term "unit of general purpose local government" means--

(A) a political subdivision of the State whose authority is general and not limited to only one function or combination of related functions; or

(B) an Indian tribal organization.

(3) The term "education and training service" means a supportive service designed to assist older individuals to better cope with their economic, health, and personal needs through services such as consumer education, continuing education, health education, preretirement education, financial planning, and other education and training services which will advance the objectives of this Act.

## **SECTION 303 (42 U.S.C. 3023) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; USES OF FUNDS**

- (a) (1) *There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part B (relating to supportive services) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.*  
(2) Funds appropriated under paragraph (1) shall be available to carry out section 712.
- (b) (1) *There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out subpart 1 of part C (relating to congregate nutrition services) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.*  
(2) *There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out subpart 2 of part C (relating to home delivered nutrition services) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.*
- (c) Grants made under part B, and subparts 1 and 2 of part C, of this title may be used for paying part of the cost of--  
(1) the administration of area plans by area agencies on aging designated under section 305(a)(2)(A), including the preparation of area plans on aging consistent with section 306 and the evaluation of activities carried out under such plans; and  
(2) the development of comprehensive and coordinated systems for supportive services, congregate and home delivered nutrition services under subparts 1 and 2 of part C, the development and operation of multipurpose senior centers, and the delivery of legal assistance.
- (d) *There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part D (relating to disease prevention and health promotion services) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.*
- (e) (1) *There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part E (relating to family caregiver support) \$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 if the aggregate amount appropriated under subsection (a)(1) (relating to part B, supportive services), paragraphs (1) (relating to subpart 1 of part C, congregate nutrition services) and (2)*

*(relating to subpart 2 of part C, home delivered nutrition services) of subsection (b), and (d) (relating to part D, disease prevention and health promotion services) of this section for fiscal year 2001 is not less than the aggregate amount appropriated under subsection (a)(1), paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b), and subsection (d) of section 303 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 for fiscal year 2000.*

*(2) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part E (relating to family caregiver support) such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.*

*(3) Of the funds appropriate under paragraphs (1) and (2)—*

*(A) 4 percent of such funds shall be reserved to carry out activities described in section 375; and*

*(B) 1 percent of such funds shall be reserved to carry out activities described in section 376.*

### **SECTION 304 (42 U.S.C. 3024) ALLOTMENT; FEDERAL SHARE**

(a) (1) From the sums appropriated under subsection (a) through (d) of section 303 for each fiscal year, each State shall be allotted an amount which bears the same ratio to such sums as the population of older individuals in such State bears to the population of older individuals in all States.

*(2) In determining the amounts allotted to States from the sums appropriated under section 303 for a fiscal year, the Assistant Secretary shall first determine the amount allotted to each State under paragraph (1) and then proportionately adjust such amounts, if necessary, to meet the requirements of paragraph (3).*

(3) *(A) No State shall be allotted less than one-half of 1 percent of the sum appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made.*

*(B) Guam, the United States Virgin Islands shall each be allotted not less than one-fourth of 1 percent of the sum appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made.*

*(C) American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall each be allotted not less than one-sixteenth of 1 percent of the sum appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made. For the purposes of the exception contained in subparagraph (A) only, the term "State" does not include Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*

*(D) No State shall be allotted less than the total amount allotted to the State for fiscal year 2000 and no State shall receive a percentage increase above the fiscal year 2000 allotment that is less than 20 percent of the percentage increase above the fiscal year 2000 allotments for all of the States.*

(4) *The number of individuals aged 60 or older in any State and in all States shall be determined by the Assistant Secretary on the basis of the most recent data available from*

*the Bureau of the Census, and other reliable demographic data satisfactory to the Assistant Secretary.*

*(5) State allotments for a fiscal year under this section shall be proportionally reduced to the extent that appropriations may be insufficient to provide the full allotments of the prior year.*

(b) Whenever the Assistant Secretary determines that any amount allotted to a State under *part B or C, or subpart 1 of part E*, for a fiscal year under this section will not be used by such State for carrying out the purpose for which the allotment was made, the Assistant Secretary shall make such allotment available for carrying out such purpose to one or more other States to the extent the Assistant Secretary determines that such other State will be able to use such additional amount for carrying out such purpose. Any amount made available to a State from an appropriation for a fiscal year in accordance with the preceding sentence shall, for purposes of this title, be regarded as part of such State's allotment (as determined under subsection (a)) for such year, but shall remain available until the end of the succeeding fiscal year.

(c) If the Assistant Secretary finds that any State has failed to qualify under the State plan requirements of section 307 or the Assistant Secretary does not approve the funding formula required under section 305(a)(2)(C), the Assistant Secretary shall withhold the allotment of funds to such State referred to in subsection (a). The Assistant Secretary shall disburse the funds so withheld directly to any public or private nonprofit institution or organization, agency, or political subdivision of such State submitting an approved plan under section 307, which includes an agreement that any such payment shall be matched in the proportion determined under subsection (d)(1)(D) for such State, by funds or in-kind resources from non-Federal sources.

(d) (1) From any State's allotment, after the application of section 308(b), under this section for any fiscal year

(A) such amount as the State agency determines, but not more than 10 percent thereof, shall be available for paying such percentage as the agency determines, but not more than 75 percent, of the cost of administration of area plans;

(B) such amount (excluding any amount attributable to funds appropriated under section 303(a)(3)) as the State agency determines to be adequate for conducting an effective ombudsman program under section 307(a)(9) shall be available for conducting such program;

(C) not less than \$150,000 and not more than 4 percent of the amount allotted to the State for carrying out part B, shall be available for conducting outreach demonstration projects under section 706; and

(D) the remainder of such allotment shall be available to such State only for paying such percentage as the State agency determines, but not more than 85 percent of the cost of supportive services, senior centers, and nutrition services under this title provided in the State as part of a comprehensive and coordinated

system in planning and service areas for which there is an area plan approved by the State agency.

(2) The non-Federal share shall be in cash or in kind. In determining the amount of the non-Federal share, the Assistant Secretary may attribute fair market value to services and facilities contributed from non-Federal sources.

## **SECTION 305 (42 U.S.C. 3025) ORGANIZATION**

(a) In order for a State to be eligible to participate in programs of grants to States from allotments under this title--

(1) the State shall, in accordance with regulations of the Assistant Secretary, designate a State agency as the sole State agency to--

(A) develop a State plan to be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for approval under section 307;

(B) administer the State plan within such State;

(C) be primarily responsible for the planning, policy development, administration, coordination, priority setting, and evaluation of all State activities related to the objectives of this Act;

(D) serve as an effective and visible advocate for older individuals by reviewing and commenting upon all State plans, budgets, and policies which affect older individuals and providing technical assistance to any agency, organization, association, or individual representing the needs of older individuals; and

(E) divide the State into distinct planning and service areas (or in the case of a State specified in subsection (b)(5)(A), designate the entire State as a single planning and service area), in accordance with guidelines issued by the Assistant Secretary, after considering the geographical distribution of older individuals in the State, the incidence of the need for supportive services, nutrition services, multipurpose senior centers, and legal assistance, the distribution of older individuals who have greatest economic need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*) residing in such areas, the distribution of older individuals who have greatest social need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*) residing in such areas, the distribution of older individuals who are Indians residing in such areas, the distribution of resources available to provide such services or centers, the boundaries of existing areas within the State which were drawn for the planning or administration of supportive services programs, the location of units of general purpose local government within the State, and any other relevant factors; and

(2) the State agency shall--

(A) except as provided in subsection (b)(5), designate for each such area after consideration of the views offered by the unit or units of general purpose local

government in such area, a public or private nonprofit agency or organization as the area agency on aging for such area;

(B) provide assurances, satisfactory to the Assistant Secretary, that the State agency will take into account, in connection with matters of general policy arising in the development and administration of the State plan for any fiscal year, the views of recipients of supportive services or nutrition services, or individuals using multipurpose senior centers provided under such plan;

(C) in consultation with area agencies, in accordance with guidelines issued by the Assistant Secretary, and using the best available data, develop and publish for review and comment a formula for distribution within the State of funds received under this title that takes into account--

(i) the geographical distribution of older individuals in the State; and

(ii) the distribution among planning and service areas of older individuals with greatest economic need and older individuals with greatest social need, with particular attention to low-income minority older individuals;

(D) submit its formula developed under subparagraph (C) to the Assistant Secretary for approval;

(E) provide assurance that preference will be given to providing services to older individuals with greatest economic need and older individuals with greatest social need, with particular attention to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas* and include proposed methods of carrying out the preference in the State plan;

(F) provide assurances that the State agency will require use of outreach efforts described in section 307(a)(16); and

(G) (i) set specific objectives, in consultation with area agencies on aging, for each planning and service area for providing services funded under this title to low-income minority older individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*;

(ii) provide an assurance that the State agency will undertake specific program development, advocacy, and outreach efforts focused on the needs of low-income minority older individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*; and

(iii) provide a description of the efforts described in clause (ii) that will be undertaken by the State agency.

- (b) (1) In carrying out the requirement of subsection (a)(1), the State may designate as a planning and service area any unit of general purpose local government which has a population of 100,000 or more. In any case in which a unit of general purpose local government makes application to the State agency under the preceding sentence to be designated as a planning and service area, the State agency shall, upon request, provide an opportunity for a hearing to such unit of general purpose local government. A State may designate as a planning and service area under subsection (a)(1) any region within the State recognized for purposes of areawide planning which includes one or more such

units of general purpose local government when the State determines that the designation of such a regional planning and service area is necessary for, and will enhance, the effective administration of the programs authorized by this title. The State may include in any planning and service area designated under subsection (a)(1) such additional areas adjacent to the unit of general purpose local government or regions so designated as the State determines to be necessary for, and will enhance the effective administration of the programs authorized by this title.

(2) The State is encouraged in carrying out the requirement of subsection (a)(1) to include the area covered by the appropriate economic development district involved in any planning and service area designated under subsection (a)(1), and to include all portions of an Indian reservation within a single planning and service area, if feasible.

(3) The chief executive officer of each State in which a planning and service area crosses State boundaries, or in which an interstate Indian reservation is located, may apply to the Assistant Secretary to request redesignation as an interstate planning and service area comprising the entire metropolitan area or Indian reservation. If the Assistant Secretary approves such an application, the Assistant Secretary shall adjust the State allotments of the areas within the planning and service area in which the interstate planning and service area is established to reflect the number of older individuals within the area who will be served by an interstate planning and service area not within the State.

(4) Whenever a unit of general purpose local government, a region, a metropolitan area or an Indian reservation is denied designation under the provisions of subsection (a)(1), such unit of general purpose local government, region, metropolitan area, or Indian reservation may appeal the decision of the State agency to the Assistant Secretary. The Assistant Secretary shall afford such unit, region, metropolitan area, or Indian reservation an opportunity for a hearing. In carrying out the provisions of this paragraph, the Assistant Secretary may approve the decision of the State agency, disapprove the decision of the State agency and require the State agency to designate the unit, region, area, or Indian reservation appealing the decision as a planning and service area, or take such other action as the Assistant Secretary deems appropriate.

(5) (A) A State which on or before October 1, 1980, had designated, with the approval of the Assistant Secretary, a single planning and service area covering all of the older individuals in the State, in which the State agency was administering the area plan, may after that date designate one or more additional planning and service areas within the State to be administered by public or private nonprofit agencies or organizations as area agencies on aging, after considering the factors specified in subsection (a)(1)(E). The State agency shall continue to perform the functions of an area agency on aging for any area of the State not included in a planning and service area for which an area agency on aging has been designated.

(B) Whenever a State agency designates a new area agency on aging after the date of enactment of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1984, the State agency shall give the right to first refusal to a unit of general purpose local government if

(i) such unit can meet the requirements of subsection (c), and (ii) the boundaries of such a unit and the boundaries of the area are reasonably contiguous.

- (C) (i) A State agency shall establish and follow appropriate procedures to provide due process to affected parties, if the State agency initiates an action or proceeding to--
- (I) revoke the designation of the area agency on aging under subsection (a);
  - (II) designate an additional planning and service area in a State;
  - (III) divide the State into different planning and services areas; or
  - (IV) otherwise affect the boundaries of the planning and service areas in the State.
- (ii) The procedures described in clause (i) shall include procedures for--
- (I) providing notice of an action or proceeding described in clause (i);
  - (II) documenting the need for the action or proceeding;
  - (III) conducting a public hearing for the action or proceeding;
  - (IV) involving area agencies on aging, service providers, and older individuals in the action or proceeding; and
  - (V) allowing an appeal of the decision of the State agency in the action or proceeding to the Assistant Secretary.
- (iii) An adversely affected party involved in an action or proceeding described in clause (i) may bring an appeal described in clause (ii)(V) on the basis of--
- (I) the facts and merits of the matter that is the subject of the action or proceeding; or
  - (II) procedural grounds.
- (iv) In deciding an appeal described in clause (ii)(V), the Assistant Secretary may affirm or set aside the decision of the State agency. If the Assistant Secretary sets aside the decision, and the State agency has taken an action described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (i), the State agency shall nullify the action.

- (c) An area agency on aging designated under subsection (a) shall be--
- (1) an established office of aging which is operating within a planning and service area designated under subsection (a);
  - (2) any office or agency of a unit of general purpose local government, which is designated to function only for the purpose of serving as an area agency on aging by the chief elected official of such unit;
  - (3) any office or agency designated by the appropriate chief elected officials of any combination of units of general purpose local government to act only on behalf of such combination for such purpose;

(4) any public or nonprofit private agency in a planning and service area, or any separate organizational unit within such agency, which is under the supervision or direction for this purpose of the designated State agency and which can and will engage only in the planning or provision of a broad range of supportive services, or nutrition services within such planning and service area; or

(5) in the case of a State specified in subsection (b)(5), the State agency; and shall provide assurance, determined adequate by the State agency, that the area agency on aging will have the ability to develop an area plan and to carry out, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, a program in accordance with the plan within the planning and service area. In designating an area agency on aging within the planning and service area or within any unit of general purpose local government designated as a planning and service area the State shall give preference to an established office on aging, unless the State agency finds that no such office within the planning and service area will have the capacity to carry out the area plan.

(d) The publication for review and comment required by paragraph (2)(C) of subsection (a) shall include--

- (1) a descriptive statement of the formula's assumptions and goals, and the application of the definitions of greatest economic or social need,
- (2) a numerical statement of the actual funding formula to be used,
- (3) a listing of the population, economic, and social data to be used for each planning and service area in the State, and
- (4) a demonstration of the allocation of funds, pursuant to the funding formula, to each planning and service area in the State.

## **SECTION 306 (42 U.S.C. 3026) AREA PLANS**

(a) Each area agency on aging designated under section 305(a)(2)(A) shall, in order to be approved by the State agency, prepare and develop an area plan for a planning and service area for a two-, three-, or four-year period determined by the State agency, with such annual adjustments as may be necessary. Each such plan shall be based upon a uniform format for area plans within the State prepared in accordance with section 307(a)(1). Each such plan shall--

- (1) provide, through a comprehensive and coordinated system, for supportive services, nutrition services, and, where appropriate, for the establishment, maintenance, or construction of multipurpose senior centers, within the planning and service area covered by the plan, including determining the extent of need for supportive services, nutrition services, and multipurpose senior centers in such area (taking into consideration, among other things, the number of older individuals with low incomes residing in such area, the number of older individuals who have greatest economic need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*) residing in such area, the number of older individuals who have greatest social need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in*

*rural areas*) residing in such area, and the number of older individuals who are Indians residing in such area, and the efforts of voluntary organizations in the community), evaluating the effectiveness of the use of resources in meeting such need, and entering into agreements with providers of supportive services, nutrition services, or multipurpose senior centers in such area, for the provision of such services or centers to meet such need;

(2) provide assurances that an adequate proportion, as required under *section 307(a)(2)*, of the amount allotted for part B to the planning and service area will be expended for the delivery of each of the following categories of services--

(A) services associated with access to services (transportation, outreach, information and assistance, and case management services);

(B) in-home *services, including* supportive services for families of older individuals who are victims of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction; and

(C) legal assistance;*and assurances that the area agency on aging will report annually to the State agency* in detail the amount of funds expended for each such category during the fiscal year most recently concluded;

(3) (A) designate, where feasible, a focal point for comprehensive service delivery in each community, giving special consideration to designating multipurpose senior centers (including multipurpose senior centers operated by organizations referred to in *paragraph (6)(C)*) as such focal point; and

(B) specify, in grants, contracts, and agreements implementing the plan, the identity of each focal point so designated;

(4) (A) (i) provide assurances that the area agency on aging will set specific objectives for providing services to older individuals with greatest economic need and older individuals with greatest social need, include specific objectives for providing services to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*, and include proposed methods of carrying out the preference in the area plan;

(ii) provide assurances that the area agency on aging will include in each agreement made with a provider of any service under this title, a requirement that such provider will--

(I) specify how the provider intends to satisfy the service needs of low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas* in the area served by the provider;

(II) to the maximum extent feasible, provide services to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas* in accordance with their need for such services; and

(III) meet specific objectives established by the area agency on aging, for providing services to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas* within the planning and service area; and

- (iii) with respect to the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which such plan is prepared--
  - (I) identify the number of low-income minority older individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas* in the planning and service area;
  - (II) describe the methods used to satisfy the service needs of such minority older individuals; and
  - (III) provide information on the extent to which the area agency on aging met the objectives described in clause (i);
- (B) provide assurances that the area agency on aging will use outreach efforts that will--
  - (i) identify individuals eligible for assistance under this Act, with special emphasis on--
    - (I) older individuals residing in rural areas;
    - (II) older individuals with greatest economic need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*);
    - (III) older individuals with greatest social need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*);
    - (IV) older individuals with severe disabilities;
    - (V) older individuals with limited English-speaking ability; and
    - (VI) older individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction (and the caretakers of such individuals); and
  - (ii) inform the older individuals referred to in subclauses (I) through (VI) of clause (i), and the caretakers of such individuals, of the availability of such assistance; and
- (C) contain an assurance that the area agency on aging will ensure that each activity undertaken by the agency, including planning, advocacy, and systems development, will include a focus on the needs of low-income minority older individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*;
- (5) *provide assurances that the area agency on aging will coordinate planning, identification, assessment of needs, and provision of services for older individuals with disabilities, with particular attention to individuals with severe disabilities, with agencies that develop or provide services for individuals with disabilities;*
- (6) provide that the area agency on aging will--
  - (A) take into account in connection with matters of general policy arising in the development and administration of the area plan, the views of recipients of services under such plan;
  - (B) serve as the advocate and focal point for older individuals within the community by (in cooperation with agencies, organizations, and individuals participating in activities under the plan) monitoring, evaluating, and commenting

upon all policies, programs, hearings, levies, and community actions which will affect older individuals;

( C ) (i) where possible, enter into arrangements with organizations providing day care services for children , *assistance to older individuals caring for relatives who are children*, and respite for families, so as to provide opportunities for older individuals to aid or assist on a voluntary basis in the delivery of such services to children, adults, and families; and (ii) if possible regarding the provision of services under this title, enter into arrangements and coordinate with organizations that have a proven record of providing services to older individuals, that--

(I) were officially designated as community action agencies or community action programs under section 210 of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2790) for fiscal year 1981, and did not lose the designation as a result of failure to comply with such Act; or

(II) came into existence during fiscal year 1982 as direct successors in interest to such community action agencies or community action programs;

and that meet the requirements under section 675(c)(3) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9904(c)(3));

( D ) establish an advisory council consisting of older individuals (including minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*) who are participants or who are eligible to participate in programs assisted under this Act, representatives of older individuals, local elected officials, providers of veterans' health care (if appropriate), and the general public, to advise continuously the area agency on aging on all matters relating to the development of the area plan, the administration of the plan and operations conducted under the plan;

( E ) establish effective and efficient procedures for coordination of--

(i) entities conducting programs that receive assistance under this Act within the planning and service area served by the agency; and

(ii) entities conducting other Federal programs for older individuals at the local level, with particular emphasis on entities conducting programs described in section 203(b), within the area;

( F ) coordinate any mental health services provided with funds expended by the area agency on aging for part B with the mental health services provided by community health centers and by other public agencies and nonprofit private organizations; *and*

( G ) if there is a significant population of older individuals who are Indians in the planning and service area of the area agency on aging, the area agency on aging shall conduct outreach activities to identify such individuals in such area and shall inform such individuals of the availability of assistance under this Act;

- (7) provide that the area agency on aging will facilitate the coordination of community-based, long-term care services designed to enable older individuals to remain in their homes, by means including—
- (A) development of case management services as a component of the long-term care services, consistent with the requirements of paragraph (8);
  - (B) involvement of long-term care providers in the coordination of such services; and
  - (C) increasing community awareness of and involvement in addressing the needs of residents of long-term care facilities;
- (8) provide that case management services provided under this title through the area agency on aging will--
- (A) not duplicate case management services provided through other Federal and State programs;
  - (B) be coordinated with services described in subparagraph (A); and
  - (C) be provided by a public agency or a nonprofit private agency that--
    - (i) gives each older individual seeking services under this title a list of agencies that provide similar services within the jurisdiction of the area agency on aging;
    - (ii) gives each individual described in clause (i) a statement specifying that the individual has a right to make an independent choice of service providers and documents receipt by such individual of such statement;
    - (iii) has case managers acting as agents for the individuals receiving the services and not as promoters for the agency providing such services; or
    - (iv) is located in a rural area and obtains a waiver of the requirements described in clauses (i) through (iii);
- (9) provide assurances that the area agency on aging, in carrying out the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program under section 307(a)(9), will expend not less than the total amount of funds appropriated under this Act and expended by the agency in fiscal year 2000 in carrying out such a program under this title;
- (10) provide a grievance procedure for older individuals who are dissatisfied with or denied services under this title;
- (11) provide information and assurances concerning services to older individuals who are Native Americans (referred to in this paragraph as 'older Native Americans'), including--
- (A) information concerning whether there is a significant population of older Native Americans in the planning and service area and if so, an assurance that the area agency on aging will pursue activities, including outreach, to increase access of those older Native Americans to programs and benefits provided under this title;
  - (B) an assurance that the area agency on aging will, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate the services the agency provides under this title with services provided under title VI; and

(C) an assurance that the area agency on aging will make services under the area plan available, to the same extent as such services are available to older individuals within the planning and service area, to older Native Americans; and  
(12) provide that the area agency on aging will establish procedures for coordination of services with entities conducting other Federal or federally assisted programs for older individuals at the local level, with particular emphasis on entities conducting programs described in section 203(b) within the planning and service area.'

( 13) provide assurances that the area agency on aging will--

(A) maintain the integrity and public purpose of services provided, and service providers, under this title in all contractual and commercial relationships;

(B) disclose to the Assistant Secretary and the State agency--

(i) the identity of each nongovernmental entity with which such agency has a contract or commercial relationship relating to providing any service to older individuals; and

(ii) the nature of such contract or such relationship;

(C) demonstrate that a loss or diminution in the quantity or quality of the services provided, or to be provided, under this title by such agency has not resulted and will not result from such contract or such relationship;

(D) demonstrate that the quantity or quality of the services to be provided under this title by such agency will be enhanced as a result of such contract or such relationship; and

(E) on the request of the Assistant Secretary or the State, for the purpose of monitoring compliance with this Act (including conducting an audit), disclose all sources and expenditures of funds such agency receives or expends to provide services to older individuals;

( 14) provide assurances that funds received under this title will not be used to pay any part of a cost (including an administrative cost) incurred by the area agency on aging to carry out a contract or commercial relationship that is not carried out to implement this title;

( 15) provide assurances that preference in receiving services under this title will not be given by the area agency on aging to particular older individuals as a result of a contract or commercial relationship that is not carried out to implement this title.

(b) Each State, in approving area agency on aging plans under this section, shall waive the requirement described in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) for any category of services described in such paragraph if the area agency on aging demonstrates to the State agency that services being furnished for such category in the area are sufficient to meet the need for such services in such area *and had conducted a timely public hearing upon request.*

(c) (1) Subject to regulations prescribed by the Assistant Secretary, an area agency on aging designated under section 305(a)(2)(A) or, in areas of a State where no such agency has been designated, the State agency, may enter into agreement with agencies administering programs under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and titles XIX and XX of the Social

Security Act for the purpose of developing and implementing plans for meeting the common need for transportation services of individuals receiving benefits under such Acts and older individuals participating in programs authorized by this title.

(2) In accordance with an agreement entered into under paragraph (1), funds appropriated under this title may be used to purchase transportation services for older individuals and may be pooled with funds made available for the provision of transportation services under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and titles XIX and XX of the Social Security Act.

(d) An area agency on aging may not require any provider of legal assistance under this title to reveal any information that is protected by the attorney-client privilege.

(e) (1) If the head of a State agency finds that an area agency on aging has failed to comply with Federal or State laws, including the area plan requirements of this section, regulations, or policies, the State may withhold a portion of the funds to the area agency on aging available under this title.

(2) (A) The head of a State agency shall not make a final determination withholding funds under paragraph (1) without first affording the area agency on aging due process in accordance with procedures established by the State agency.

(B) At a minimum, such procedures shall include procedures for--

(i) providing notice of an action to withhold funds;

(ii) providing documentation of the need for such action; and

(iii) at the request of the area agency on aging, conducting a public hearing concerning the action.

(3) (A) If a State agency withholds the funds, the State agency may use the funds withheld to directly administer programs under this title in the planning and service area served by the area agency on aging for a period not to exceed 180 days, except as provided in subparagraph (B).

(B) If the State agency determines that the area agency on aging has not taken corrective action, or if the State agency does not approve the corrective action, during the 180-day period described in subparagraph (A), the State agency may extend the period for not more than 90 days.

## **SECTION 307 (42 U.S.C. 3027) STATE PLANS**

(a) Except as provided in the succeeding sentence and section 309(a), each State, in order to be eligible for grants from its allotment under this title for any fiscal year, shall submit to the Assistant Secretary a State plan for a two-, three-, or four-year period determined by the State agency, with such annual revisions as are necessary, which meets such criteria as the Assistant Secretary may by regulation prescribe. If the Assistant Secretary determines, in the discretion of the Assistant Secretary, that a State failed in 2 successive years to comply with the requirements under this title, then the State shall submit to the Assistant Secretary a State plan for a 1-year period that meets such criteria, for subsequent years until the Assistant Secretary determines that

the State is in compliance with such requirements. Each such plan shall comply with all of the following requirements:

- (1) *The plan shall--*

  - (A) *require each area agency on aging designated under section 305(a)(2)(A) to develop and submit to the State agency for approval, in accordance with a uniform format developed by the State agency, an area plan meeting the requirements of section 306; and*
  - (B) *be based on such area plans.*
- (2) *The plan shall provide that the State agency will--*

  - (A) *evaluate, using uniform procedures described in section 202(a)(29), the need for supportive services (including legal assistance pursuant to 307(a)(11), information and assistance, and transportation services), nutrition services, and multipurpose senior centers within the State;*
  - (B) *develop a standardized process to determine the extent to which public or private programs and resources (including volunteers and programs and services of voluntary organizations) that have the capacity and actually meet such need; and*
  - (C) *specify a minimum proportion of the funds received by each area agency on aging in the State to carry out part B that will be expended (in the absence of a waiver under sections 306(b) or 316) by such area agency on aging to provide each of the categories of services specified in section 306(a)(2).*
- (3) *The plan shall--*

  - (A) *include (and may not be approved unless the Assistant Secretary approves) the statement and demonstration required by paragraphs (2) and (4) of section 305(d) (concerning intrastate distribution of funds); and*
  - (B) *with respect to services for older individuals residing in rural areas--*

    - (i) *provide assurances that the State agency will spend for each fiscal year, not less than the amount expended for such services for fiscal year 2000;*
    - (ii) *identify, for each fiscal year to which the plan applies, the projected costs of providing such services (including the cost of providing access to such services); and*
    - (iii) *describe the methods used to meet the needs for such services in the fiscal year preceding the first year to which such plan applies.*
- (4) *The plan shall provide that the State agency will conduct periodic evaluations of, and public hearings on, activities and projects carried out in the State under this title and title VII, including evaluations of the effectiveness of services provided to individuals with greatest economic need, greatest social need, or disabilities, with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas.*
- (5) *The plan shall provide that the State agency will--*

  - (A) *afford an opportunity for a public hearing upon request, in accordance with published procedures, to any area agency on aging submitting a plan under this title, to any provider of (or applicant to provide) services;*

*(B) issue guidelines applicable to grievance procedures required by section 306(a)(10); and*

*(C) afford an opportunity for a public hearing, upon request, by an area agency on aging, by a provider of (or applicant to provide) services, or by any recipient of services under this title regarding any waiver request, including those under 316.*

(6) The plan shall provide that the State agency will make such reports, in such form, and containing such information, as the Assistant Secretary may require, and comply with such requirements as the Assistant Secretary may impose to insure the correctness of such reports.

(7) (A) The plan shall provide satisfactory assurance that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be adopted as may be necessary to assure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid under this title to the State, including any such funds paid to the recipients of a grant or contract.

(B) The plan shall provide assurances that--

(i) no individual (appointed or otherwise) involved in the designation of the State agency or an area agency on aging, or in the designation of the head of any subdivision of the State agency or of an area agency on aging, is subject to a conflict of interest prohibited under this Act;

(ii) no officer, employee, or other representative of the State agency or an area agency on aging is subject to a conflict of interest prohibited under this Act; and

(iii) mechanisms are in place to identify and remove conflicts of interest prohibited under this Act.

(8) (A) *The plan shall provide that no supportive services, nutrition services, or in-home services will be directly provided by the State agency or an area agency on aging in the State, unless, in the judgment of the State agency--*

*(i) provision of such services by the State agency or the area agency on aging is necessary to assure an adequate supply of such services;*

*(ii) such services are directly related to such State agency's or area agency on aging's administrative functions; or*

*(iii) such services can be provided more economically, and with comparable quality, by such State agency or area agency on aging.*

(B) *Regarding case management services, if the State agency or area agency on aging is already providing case management services (as of the date of submission of the plan) under a State program, the plan may specify that such agency is allowed to continue to provide case management services.*

(C) *The plan may specify that an area agency on aging is allowed to directly provide information and assistance services and outreach.*

(9) *The plan shall provide assurances that the State agency will carry out, through the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, a State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program in accordance with section 712 and this title, and will expend for such purpose an amount that is not less than an amount expended by the State agency with funds*

*received under this title for fiscal year 2000, and an amount that is not less than the amount expended by the State agency with funds received under title VII for fiscal year 2000.';*

*(10) The plan shall provide assurance that the special needs of older individuals residing in rural areas will be taken into consideration and shall describe how those needs have been met and describe how funds have been allocated to meet those needs.*

*( 11) The plan shall provide that with respect to legal assistance--*

*(A) the plan contains assurances that area agencies on aging will (i) enter into contracts with providers of legal assistance which can demonstrate the experience or capacity to deliver legal assistance; (ii) include in any such contract provisions to assure that any recipient of funds under division (i) will be subject to specific restrictions and regulations promulgated under the Legal Services Corporation Act (other than restrictions and regulations governing eligibility for legal assistance under such Act and governing membership of local governing boards) as determined appropriate by the Assistant Secretary; and (iii) attempt to involve the private bar in legal assistance activities authorized under this title, including groups within the private bar furnishing services to older individuals on a pro bono and reduced fee basis;*

*(B) the plan contains assurances that no legal assistance will be furnished unless the grantee administers a program designed to provide legal assistance to older individuals with social or economic need and has agreed, if the grantee is not a Legal Services Corporation project grantee, to coordinate its services with existing Legal Services Corporation projects in the planning and service area in order to concentrate the use of funds provided under this title on individuals with the greatest such need; and the area agency on aging makes a finding, after assessment, pursuant to standards for service promulgated by the Assistant Secretary, that any grantee selected is the entity best able to provide the particular services;*

*(C) the State agency will provide for the coordination of the furnishing of legal assistance to older individuals within the State, and provide advice and technical assistance in the provision of legal assistance to older individuals within the State and support the furnishing of training and technical assistance for legal assistance for older individuals;*

*(D) the plan contains assurances, to the extent practicable, that legal assistance furnished under the plan will be in addition to any legal assistance for older individuals being furnished with funds from sources other than this Act and that reasonable efforts will be made to maintain existing levels of legal assistance for older individuals; and*

*(E) the plan contains assurances that area agencies on aging will give priority to legal assistance related to income, health care, long-term care, nutrition, housing,*

utilities, protective services, defense of guardianship, abuse, neglect, and age discrimination.

( 12) The plan shall provide, whenever the State desires to provide for a fiscal year for services for the prevention of abuse of older individuals--

(A) the plan contains assurances that any area agency on aging carrying out such services will conduct a program consistent with relevant State law and coordinated with existing State adult protective service activities for--

- (i) public education to identify and prevent abuse of older individuals;
- (ii) receipt of reports of abuse of older individuals;
- (iii) active participation of older individuals participating in programs under this Act through outreach, conferences, and referral of such individuals to other social service agencies or sources of assistance where appropriate and consented to by the parties to be referred; and
- (iv) referral of complaints to law enforcement or public protective service agencies where appropriate;

(B) the State will not permit involuntary or coerced participation in the program of services described in this paragraph by alleged victims, abusers, or their households; and

(C) all information gathered in the course of receiving reports and making referrals shall remain confidential unless all parties to the complaint consent in writing to the release of such information, except that such information may be released to a law enforcement or public protective service agency.

( 13) The plan shall provide assurances that each State will assign personnel (one of whom shall be known as a legal assistance developer) to provide State leadership in developing legal assistance programs for older individuals throughout the State.

( 14) The plan shall provide assurances that, if a substantial number of the older individuals residing in any planning and service area in the State are of limited English-speaking ability, then the State will require the area agency on aging for each such planning and service area--

(A) to utilize in the delivery of outreach services under section 306(a)(2)(A), the services of workers who are fluent in the language spoken by a predominant number of such older individuals who are of limited English-speaking ability; and  
(B) to designate an individual employed by the area agency on aging, or available to such area agency on aging on a full-time basis, whose responsibilities will include--

- (i) taking such action as may be appropriate to assure that counseling assistance is made available to such older individuals who are of limited English-speaking ability in order to assist such older individuals in participating in programs and receiving assistance under this Act; and
- (ii) providing guidance to individuals engaged in the delivery of supportive services under the area plan involved to enable such individuals to be aware of cultural sensitivities and to take into account effectively linguistic and cultural differences.

- ( 15) The plan shall, with respect to the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which such plan is prepared--
- (A) identify the number of low-income minority older individuals in the State; and
  - (B) describe the methods used to satisfy the service needs of such minority older individuals.
- ( 16) The plan shall provide assurances that the State agency will require outreach efforts that will--
- (A) identify individuals eligible for assistance under this Act, with special emphasis on--
    - (i) older individuals residing in rural areas;
    - (ii) older individuals with greatest economic need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*);
    - (iii) older individuals with greatest social need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals *and older individuals residing in rural areas*);
    - (iv) older individuals with severe disabilities;
    - (v) older individuals with limited English-speaking ability; and
    - (vi) older individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction (and the caretakers of such individuals); and
  - (B) inform the older individuals referred to in clauses (i) through (vi) of subparagraph (A), and the caretakers of such individuals, of the availability of such assistance.
- ( 17) The plan shall provide, with respect to the needs of older individuals with severe disabilities, assurances that the State will coordinate planning, identification, assessment of needs, and service for older individuals with disabilities with particular attention to individuals with severe disabilities with the State agencies with primary responsibility for individuals with disabilities, including severe disabilities, *to enhance services* and develop collaborative programs, where appropriate, to meet the needs of older individuals with disabilities.
- ( 18) The plan shall provide assurances that area agencies on aging will conduct efforts to facilitate the coordination of community-based, long-term care services, pursuant to *section 306(a)(7)*, for older individuals who--
- (A) reside at home and are at risk of institutionalization because of limitations on their ability to function independently;
  - (B) are patients in hospitals and are at risk of prolonged institutionalization; or
  - (C) are patients in long-term care facilities, but who can return to their homes if community-based services are provided to them.
- ( 19) The plan shall include the assurances and description required by section 705(a).
- ( 20) The plan shall provide assurances that special efforts will be made to provide technical assistance to minority providers of services.

- (C) (21) *The plan shall—*
- (D) (A) *provide an assurance that the State agency will coordinate programs under this title and programs under title VI, if applicable; and*
- (E) (B) *provide an assurance that the State agency will pursue activities to increase access by older individuals who are Native Americans to all aging programs and benefits provided by the agency, including programs and benefits provided under this title, if applicable, and specify the ways in which the State agency intends to implement the activities.*
- ( 22) If case management services are offered to provide access to supportive services, the plan shall provide that the State agency shall ensure compliance with the requirements specified in section 306(a)(8).
- ( 23) The plan shall provide assurances that demonstrable efforts will be made--
- (A) to coordinate services provided under this Act with other State services that benefit older individuals; and
- (B) to provide multigenerational activities, such as opportunities for older individuals to serve as mentors or advisers in child care, youth day care, educational assistance, at-risk youth intervention, juvenile delinquency treatment, and family support programs.
- ( 24) The plan shall provide assurances that the State will coordinate public services within the State to assist older individuals to obtain transportation services associated with access to services provided under this title, to services under title VI, to comprehensive counseling services, and to legal assistance.

- ( 25) The plan shall include assurances that the State has in effect a mechanism to provide for quality in the provision of in-home services under this title.
- (26) *The plan shall provide assurances that funds received under this title will not be used to pay any part of a cost (including an administrative cost) incurred by the State agency or an area agency on aging to carry out a contract or commercial relationship that is not carried out to implement this title.*
- (b) (1) The Assistant Secretary shall approve any State plan which the Assistant Secretary finds fulfills the requirements of subsection (a), except the Assistant Secretary may not approve such plan unless the Assistant Secretary determines that the formula submitted under section 305(a)(2)(D) complies with the guidelines in effect under section 305(a)(2)(C).
- (2) The Assistant Secretary, in approving any State plan under this section, may waive such requirement if the State agency demonstrates to the Assistant Secretary that the service needs of older individuals residing in rural areas in the State are being met, or that the number of older individuals residing in such rural areas is not sufficient to require the State agency to comply with the requirement described in paragraph (3)(B) of subsection (a).
- (c) (1) The Assistant Secretary shall not make a final determination disapproving any State plan, or any modification thereof, or make a final determination that a State is ineligible under section 305, without first affording the State reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing.
- (2) Not later than 30 days after such final determination, a State dissatisfied with such final determination may appeal such final determination to the Secretary for review. If the State timely appeals such final determination in accordance with subsection (e)(1), the Secretary shall dismiss the appeal filed under this paragraph.
- (3) If the State is dissatisfied with the decision of the Secretary after review under paragraph (2), the State may appeal such decision not later than 30 days after such decision and in the manner described in subsection (e). For purposes of appellate review under the preceding sentence, a reference in subsection (e) to the Assistant Secretary shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary.
- (d) Whenever the Assistant Secretary, after reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing to the State agency, finds that--
- (1) the State is not eligible under section 305,
- (2) the State plan has been so changed that it no longer complies substantially with the provisions of subsection (a), or
- (3) in the administration of the plan there is a failure to comply substantially with any such provision of subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary shall notify such State agency that no further payments from its allotments under section 304 and section 308 will be made to the State (or, in the Assistant Secretary's discretion, that further payments to the State will be limited to projects under or portions of the State plan not affected by such failure), until the Assistant Secretary is satisfied

that there will no longer be any failure to comply. Until the Assistant Secretary is so satisfied, no further payments shall be made to such State from its allotments under section 304 and section 308 (or payments shall be limited to projects under or portions of the State plan not affected by such failure). The Assistant Secretary shall, in accordance with regulations the Assistant Secretary shall prescribe, disburse the funds so withheld directly to any public or nonprofit private organization or agency or political subdivision of such State submitting an approved plan in accordance with the provisions of this section. Any such payment shall be matched in the proportions specified in section 304.

- (e) (1) A State which is dissatisfied with a final action of the Assistant Secretary under subsection (b), (c), or (d) may appeal to the United States court of appeals for the circuit in which the State is located, by filing a petition with such court within 30 days after such final action. A copy of the petition shall be forthwith transmitted by the clerk of the court to the Assistant Secretary, or any officer designated by the Assistant Secretary for such purpose. The Assistant Secretary thereupon shall file in the court the record of the proceedings on which the Assistant Secretary's action is based, as provided in section 2112 of title 28, United States Code.
- (2) Upon the filing of such petition, the court shall have jurisdiction to affirm the action of the Assistant Secretary or to set it aside, in whole or in part, temporarily or permanently, but until the filing of the record, the Assistant Secretary may modify or set aside the Assistant Secretary's order. The findings of the Assistant Secretary as to the facts, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be conclusive, but the court, for good cause shown may remand the case to the Assistant Secretary to take further evidence, and the Assistant Secretary shall, within 30 days, file in the court the record of those further proceedings. Such new or modified findings of fact shall likewise be conclusive if supported by substantial evidence. The judgment of the court affirming or setting aside, in whole or in part, any action of the Assistant Secretary shall be final, subject to review by the Supreme Court of the United States upon certiorari or certification as provided in section 1254 of title 28, United States Code.
- (3) The commencement of proceedings under this subsection shall not, unless so specifically ordered by the court, operate as a stay of the Assistant Secretary's action.
- (f) Neither a State, nor a State agency, may require any provider of legal assistance under this title to reveal any information that is protected by the attorney-client privilege.

## **SECTION 308 (42 U.S.C. 3028) PLANNING, COORDINATION, EVALUATION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF STATE PLANS**

- (a) (1) Amounts available to States under subsection (b)(1) may be used to make grants to States for paying such percentages as each State agency determines, but not more than 75 percent, of the cost of the administration of its State plan, including the preparation of the State plan, the evaluation of activities carried out under such plan, the collection of data and the carrying out of analyses related to the need for supportive services, nutrition services, and multipurpose senior centers within the State, and dissemination of information so obtained, the provision of short-term training to personnel of public or nonprofit private agencies and organizations engaged in the operation of programs authorized by this Act, and the carrying out of demonstration projects of statewide significance relating to the initiation, expansion, or improvement of services assisted under this title.
- (2) Any sums available to a State under subsection (b)(1) for part of the cost of the administration of its State plan which the State determines is not needed for such purposes may be used by the State to supplement the amount available under section 304(d)(1)(A) to cover part of the cost of the administration of area plans.
- (3) Any State which has been designated a single planning and service area under section 305(a)(1)(E) covering all, or substantially all, of the older individuals in such State, as determined by the Assistant Secretary, may elect to pay part of the costs of the administration of State and area plans either out of sums received under this section or out of sums made available for the administration of area plans under section 304(d)(1)(A), but shall not pay such costs out of sums received or allotted under both such sections.
- (b) (1) If for any fiscal year the aggregate amount appropriated under section 303 does not exceed \$800,000,000, then--
- (A) except as provided in clause (ii), the greater of 5 percent of the allotment to a State under section 304(a)(1) or \$300,000; and
- (B) in the case of Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the greater of 5 percent of such allotment or \$75,000;
- shall be available to such State to carry out the purposes of this section.
- (2) If for any fiscal year the aggregate amount appropriated under section 303 exceeds \$800,000,000, then--
- (A) except as provided in clause (ii), the greater of 5 percent of the allotment to a State under section 304(a)(1) or \$500,000; and
- (B) in the case of Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the greater of 5 percent of such allotment or \$100,000;
- shall be available to such State to carry out the purposes of this section.
- (3) (A) If the aggregate amount appropriated under section 303 for a fiscal year does not exceed \$800,000,000, then any State which desires to receive amounts, in addition to amounts allotted to such State under

paragraph (1), to be used in the administration of its State plan in accordance with subsection (a) may transmit an application to the Assistant Secretary in accordance with this paragraph. Any such application shall be transmitted in such form, and according to such procedures, as the Assistant Secretary may require, except that such application may not be made as part of, or as an amendment to, the State plan.

(B) The Assistant Secretary may approve any application transmitted by a State under subparagraph (A) if the Assistant Secretary determines, based upon a particularized showing of need that--

(i) the State will be unable to fully and effectively administer its State plan and to carry out programs and projects authorized by this title unless such additional amounts are made available by the Assistant Secretary;

(ii) the State is making full and effective use of its allotment under paragraph (1) and of the personnel of the State agency and area agencies designated under section 305(a)(2)(A) in the administration of its State plan in accordance with subsection (a); and

(iii) the State agency and area agencies on aging of such State are carrying out, on a full-time basis, programs and activities which are in furtherance of the objectives of this Act.

(C) The Assistant Secretary may approve that portion of the amount requested by a State in its application under subparagraph (A) which the Assistant Secretary determines has been justified in such application.

(D) Amounts which any State may receive in any fiscal year under this paragraph may not exceed three-fourths of 1 percent of the sum of the amounts allotted under section 304(a) to such State to carry out the State plan for such fiscal year.

(E) No application by a State under subparagraph (A) shall be approved unless it contains assurances that no amounts received by the State under this paragraph will be used to hire any individual to fill a job opening created by the action of the State in laying off or terminating the employment of any regular employee not supported under this Act in anticipation of filling the vacancy so created by hiring an employee to be supported through use of amounts received under this paragraph.

- (4) (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title and except as provided in subparagraph (B), with respect to funds received by a State and attributable to funds appropriated under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 303(b), the State may elect to transfer not more than *40 percent* of the funds so received between subpart 1 and subpart 2 of part C, for use as the State considers appropriate to meet the needs of the area served. The Assistant Secretary shall approve any such transfer unless the Assistant Secretary determines that such transfer is not consistent with the objectives of this Act.

(B) If a State demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Assistant Secretary, that funds received by the State and attributable to funds appropriated under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 303(b), including funds transferred under subparagraph (A) without regard to this subparagraph, *for any fiscal year are insufficient to satisfy such need an additional 10 percent of the funds so received by a State and attributable to funds appropriated under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 303(b).*

(C) *A State's request for a waiver under subparagraph (B) shall—*

*(i) be not more than 1 page in length;*

*(ii) include a request that the waiver be granted;*

*(iii) specify the amount of the funds received by a State and attributable to funds appropriated under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 303(b), over the permissible 40 percent referred to in subparagraph (A), that the State requires to satisfy the need for services under subpart 1 or 2 of part C; and*

*(iv) not include a request for a waiver with respect to an amount if the transfer of the amount would jeopardize the appropriate provision of services under subpart 1 or 2 part C.*

(5) *(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, of the funds received by a State attributable to funds appropriated under subsection (a)(1), and paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b), of section 303, the State may elect to transfer not more than 30 percent for any fiscal year between programs under part B and part C, for use as the State considers appropriate. The State shall notify the Assistant Secretary of any such election.*

*(B) At a minimum, the notification described in subparagraph (A) shall include a description of the amount to be transferred, the purposes of the transfer, the need for the transfer, and the impact of the transfer on the provision of services from which the funding will be transferred.*

(6) A State agency may not delegate to an area agency on aging or any other entity the authority to make a transfer under paragraph (4)(A) or (5)(A).

(7) The Assistant Secretary shall annually collect, and include in the report required by section 207(a), data regarding the transfers described in paragraphs (4)(A) and (5)(A), including--

(A) the amount of funds involved in the transfers, analyzed by State;

(B) the rationales for the transfers;

(C) in the case of transfers described in paragraphs (4)(A) and (5)(A), the effect of the transfers of the provision of services, including the effect on the number of meals served, under--

(i) subpart 1 of part C; and

(ii) subpart 2 of part C; and

(D) in the case of transfers described in paragraph (5)(A)--

(i) in the case of transfers to part B, information on the supportive services, or services provided through senior centers, for which the transfers were used; and

under-- (ii) the effect of the transfers on the provision of services provided  
(I) part B; and  
(II) part C, including the effect on the number of meals  
served.

(c) The amounts of any State's allotment under subsection (b) for any fiscal year which the Assistant Secretary determines will not be required for that year for the purposes described in subsection (a)(1) shall be available to provide services under part B or part C, or both, in the State.

### **SECTION 309 (42 U.S.C. 3029) PAYMENTS**

(a) Payments of grants or contracts under this title may be made (after necessary adjustments resulting from previously made overpayments or underpayments) in advance or by way of reimbursement, and in such installments, as the Assistant Secretary may determine. From a State's allotment for a fiscal year which is available under section 308 the Assistant Secretary may pay to a State which does not have a State plan approved under section 307 such amounts as the Assistant Secretary deems appropriate for the purpose of assisting such State in developing a State plan.

(b) (1) For each fiscal year, not less than 25 percent of the non-Federal share of the total expenditures under the State plan which is required by section 304(d) shall be met from funds from State or local public sources.  
(2) Funds required to meet the non-Federal share required by section 304(d)(1)(D), in amounts exceeding the non-Federal share required prior to fiscal year 1981, shall be from State sources.

(c) A State's allotment under section 304 for a fiscal year shall be reduced by the percentage (if any) by which its expenditures for such year from State sources under its State plan approved under section 307 are less than its average annual expenditures from such sources for the period of 3 fiscal years preceding such year.

### **SECTION 310 (42 U.S.C. 3030) DISASTER RELIEF REIMBURSEMENTS**

(a) (1) The Assistant Secretary may provide reimbursements to any State (*or to any tribal organization receiving a grant under title VI*), upon application for such reimbursement, for funds such State makes available to area agencies on aging in such State (*or funds used by such tribal organization*) for the delivery of supportive services (and related supplies) during any major disaster declared by the President in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

- (2) Total payments to all States *and such tribal organizations* under paragraph (1) in any fiscal year shall not exceed 2 percent of the total amount appropriated and available to carry out title IV.
- (3) If the Assistant Secretary decides, in the 5-day period beginning on the date such disaster is declared by the President, to provide an amount of reimbursement under paragraph (1) to a State or *such tribal organization*, then the Assistant Secretary shall provide not less than 75 percent of such amount to such State or *such tribal organization* not later than 5 days after the date of such decision.
- (b) (1) At the beginning of each fiscal year the Assistant Secretary shall set aside, for payment to States *and such tribal organizations* under subsection (a), an amount equal to 2 percent of the total amount appropriated and available to carry out title IV.
- (2) Amounts set aside under paragraph (1) which are not obligated by the end of the third quarter of any fiscal year shall be made available to carry out title IV.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit expenditures by States *and such tribal organizations* for disaster relief for older individuals in excess of amounts reimbursable under this section, by using funds made available to them under other sections of this Act or under other provisions of Federal or State law, or from private sources.

***SECTION 311 (42 U.S.C. 3030a) NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM***

- (a) The purpose of this section is to provide incentives to encourage and reward effective performance by States and tribal organizations in the efficient delivery of nutritious meals to older individuals.*
- (b) (1) *The Secretary of Agriculture shall allot and provide in the form of cash or commodities or a combination thereof (at the discretion of the State) to each State agency with a plan approved under this title for a fiscal year, and to each grantee with an application approved under title VI for such fiscal year, an amount bearing the same ratio to the total amount appropriated for such fiscal year under subsection (e) as the number of meals served in the State under such plan approved for the preceding fiscal year (or the number of meals served by the title VI grantee, under such application approved for such preceding fiscal year), bears to the total number of such meals served in all States and by all title VI grantees under all such plans and applications approved for such preceding fiscal year.*
- (2) *For purposes of paragraph (1), in the case of a grantee that has an application approved under title VI for a fiscal year but that did not receive assistance under this section for the preceding fiscal year, the number of meals served by the title VI grantee for the preceding fiscal year shall be deemed to*

*equal the number of meals that the Assistant Secretary estimates will be served by the title VI grantee in the fiscal year for which the application was approved.;*

- (c) (1) Agricultural commodities and products purchased by the Secretary of Agriculture under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be donated to a recipient of a grant or contract to be used for providing nutrition services in accordance with the provisions of this title.
- (2) The Commodities Credit Corporation shall dispose of food commodities under section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1431) by donating them to a recipient of a grant or contract to be used for providing nutrition services in accordance with the provisions of this title.
- (3) Dairy products purchased by the Secretary of Agriculture under section 709 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 (7 U.S.C. 1446a091) shall be used to meet the requirements of programs providing nutrition services in accordance with the provisions of this title.
- (d) (1) *In any case in which a State elects to receive cash payments*, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make cash payments to such State in an amount equivalent in value to the donated foods which the State otherwise would have received if such State had retained its commodity distribution.
- (2) When such payments are made, the State agency shall promptly and equitably disburse any cash it receives in lieu of commodities to recipients of grants or contracts. Such disbursements shall only be used by such recipients of grants or contracts to purchase United States agricultural commodities and other foods for their nutrition projects.
- (3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to require any State to elect to receive cash payments under this subsection.
- (4) *Among the commodities delivered under subsection (c), the Secretary of Agriculture shall give special emphasis to high protein foods. The Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary, is authorized to prescribe the terms and conditions respecting the donating of commodities under this subsection.*
- (e) *There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section (other than subsection (c)(1) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.*
- (f) In each fiscal year, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall jointly disseminate to State agencies, area agencies on aging, and providers of nutrition services assisted under this title, information concerning--
- (1) the existence of any Federal commodity processing program in which such State agencies, area agencies on aging, and providers may be eligible to participate; and
- (2) the procedures to be followed to participate in the program.

## **SECTION 312 (42 U.S.C. 3030b) MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CENTERS: RECAPTURE OF PAYMENTS**

If, within 10 years after acquisition, or within 20 years after the completion of construction, of any facility for which funds have been paid under this title--

- (1) the owner of the facility ceases to be a public or nonprofit private agency or organization; or
- (2) the facility ceases to be used for the purposes for which it was acquired (unless the Assistant Secretary determines, in accordance with regulations, that there is good cause for releasing the applicant or other owner from the obligation to do so);

the United States shall be entitled to recover from the applicant or other owner of the facility an amount which bears to the then value of the facility (or so much thereof as constituted an approved project or projects) the same ratio as the amount of such Federal funds bore to the cost of the facility financed with the aid of such funds. Such value shall be determined by agreement of the parties or by action brought in the United States district court for the district in which such facility is situated.

## **SECTION 313 (42 U.S.C. 3030c) AUDIT**

(a) The Assistant Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access for the purpose of audit and examination to any books, documents, papers, and records that are pertinent to a grant or contract received under this title.

(b) State agencies and area agencies on aging shall not request information or data from providers which is not pertinent to services furnished pursuant to this Act or a payment made for such services.

## **SECTION 314 (42 U.S.C. 3030c-1) RIGHTS RELATING TO IN-HOME SERVICES FOR FRAIL OLDER INDIVIDUALS.**

The Assistant Secretary shall require entities that provide in-home services under this title to promote the rights of each older individual who receives such services. Such rights include the following:

- (1) The right--
  - (A) to be fully informed in advance about each in-home service provided by such entity under this title and about any change in such service that may affect the well-being of such individual; and
  - (B) to participate in planning and changing an in-home service provided under this title by such entity unless such individual is judicially adjudged incompetent.

- (2) The right to voice a grievance with respect to such service that is or fails to be so provided, without discrimination or reprisal as a result of voicing such grievance.
- (3) The right to confidentiality of records relating to such individual.
- (4) The right to have the property of such individual treated with respect.
- (5) The right to be fully informed (orally and in writing), in advance of receiving an in-home service under this title, of such individual's rights and obligations under this title.

## **SECTION 315 CONSUMER CONTRIBUTIONS.**

### ***(a) COST SHARING-***

- (1) IN GENERAL-* Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), a State is permitted to implement cost sharing for all services funded by this Act by recipients of the services.
- (2) EXCEPTION-* The State is not permitted to implement the cost sharing described in paragraph (1) for the following services:
  - (A) Information and assistance, outreach, benefits counseling, or case management services.*
  - (B) Ombudsman, elder abuse prevention, legal assistance, or other consumer protection services.*
  - (C) Congregate and home delivered meals.*
  - (D) Any services delivered through tribal organizations.*
- (3) PROHIBITIONS-* A State or tribal organization shall not permit the cost sharing described in paragraph (1) for any services delivered through tribal organizations. A State shall not permit cost sharing by a low-income older individual if the income of such individual is at or below the Federal poverty line. A State may exclude from cost sharing low-income individuals whose incomes are above the Federal poverty line. A State shall not consider any assets, savings, or other property owned by older individuals when defining low-income individuals who are exempt from cost sharing, when creating a sliding scale for the cost sharing, or when seeking contributions from any older individual.
- (4) PAYMENT RATES-* If a State permits the cost sharing described in paragraph (1), such State shall establish a sliding scale, based solely on individual income and the cost of delivering services.
- (5) REQUIREMENTS-* If a State permits the cost sharing described in paragraph (1), such State shall require each area agency on aging in the State to ensure that each service provider involved, and the area agency on aging, will--
  - (A) protect the privacy and confidentiality of each older individual with respect to the declaration or non-declaration of individual income and to any share of costs paid or unpaid by an individual;*
  - (B) establish appropriate procedures to safeguard and account for cost share payments;*

- (C) use each collected cost share payment to expand the service for which such payment was given;*
- (D) not consider assets, savings, or other property owned by an older individual in determining whether cost sharing is permitted;*
- (E) not deny any service for which funds are received under this Act for an older individual due to the income of such individual or such individual's failure to make a cost sharing payment;*
- (F) determine the eligibility of older individuals to cost share solely by a confidential declaration of income and with no requirement for verification; and*
- (G) widely distribute State created written materials in languages reflecting the reading abilities of older individuals that describe the criteria for cost sharing, the State's sliding scale, and the mandate described under subparagraph (E).*

*(6) WAIVER- An area agency on aging may request a waiver to the State's cost sharing policies, and the State shall approve such a waiver if the area agency on aging can adequately demonstrate that--*

- (A) a significant proportion of persons receiving services under this Act subject to cost sharing in the planning and service area have incomes below the threshold established in State policy; or*
- (B) cost sharing would be an unreasonable administrative or financial burden upon the area agency on aging.*

*(b) VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS-*

*(1) IN GENERAL- Voluntary contributions shall be allowed and may be solicited for all services for which funds are received under this Act provided that the method of solicitation is noncoercive.*

*(2) LOCAL DECISION- The area agency on aging shall consult with the relevant service providers and older individuals in agency's planning and service area in a State to determine the best method for accepting voluntary contributions under this subsection.*

*(3) PROHIBITED ACTS- The area agency on aging and service providers shall not means test for any service for which contributions are accepted or deny services to any individual who does not contribute to the cost of the service.*

*(4) REQUIRED ACTS- The area agency on aging shall ensure that each service provider will--*

- (A) provide each recipient with an opportunity to voluntarily contribute to the cost of the service;*
- (B) clearly inform each recipient that there is no obligation to contribute and that the contribution is purely voluntary;*
- (C) protect the privacy and confidentiality of each recipient with respect to the recipient's contribution or lack of contribution;*
- (D) establish appropriate procedures to safeguard and account for all contributions; and*

*(E) use all collected contributions to expand the service for which the contributions were given.*

*(c) PARTICIPATION-*

*(1) IN GENERAL- The State and area agencies on aging, in conducting public hearings on State and area plans, shall solicit the views of older individuals, providers, and other stakeholders on implementation of cost-sharing in the service area or the State.*

*(2) PLANS- Prior to the implementation of cost sharing under subsection (a), each State and area agency on aging shall develop plans that are designed to ensure that the participation of low-income older individuals (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals) receiving services will not decrease with the implementation of the cost sharing under such subsection.*

*(d) EVALUATION- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000, and annually thereafter, the Assistant Secretary shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation of practices for cost sharing to determine its impact on participation rates with particular attention to low-income and minority older individuals. If the Assistant Secretary finds that there is a disparate impact upon low-income or minority older individuals in any State or region within the State regarding the provision of services, the Assistant Secretary shall take corrective action to assure that such services are provided to all older individuals without regard to the cost sharing criteria.*

**SECTION 316 WAIVERS.**

*(a) IN GENERAL- The Assistant Secretary may waive any of the provisions specified in subsection (b) with respect to a State, upon receiving an application by the State agency containing or accompanied by documentation sufficient to establish, to the satisfaction of the Assistant Secretary, that--*

*(1) approval of the State legislature has been obtained or is not required with respect to the proposal for which waiver is sought;*

*(2) the State agency has collaborated with the area agencies on aging in the State and other organizations that would be affected with respect to the proposal for which waiver is sought;*

*(3) the proposal has been made available for public review and comment, including the opportunity for a public hearing upon request, within the State (and a summary of all of the comments received has been included in the application); and*

*(4) the State agency has given adequate consideration to the probable positive and negative consequences of approval of the waiver application, and the probable benefits for older individuals can reasonably be expected to outweigh any negative consequences, or particular circumstances in the State otherwise justify the waiver.*

*(b) REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO WAIVER- The provisions of this title that may be waived under this section are--*

*(1) any provision of sections 305, 306, and 307 requiring statewide uniformity of programs carried out under this title, to the extent necessary to permit demonstrations, in limited areas of a State, of innovative approaches to assist older individuals;*

*(2) any area plan requirement described in section 306(a) if granting the waiver will promote innovations or improve service delivery and will not diminish services already provided under this Act;*

*(3) any State plan requirement described in section 307(a) if granting the waiver will promote innovations or improve service delivery and will not diminish services already provided under this Act;*

*(4) any restriction under paragraph (5) of section 308(b), on the amount that may be transferred between programs carried out under part B and part C; and*

*(5) the requirement of section 309(c) that certain amounts of a State allotment be used for the provision of services, with respect to a State that reduces expenditures under the State plan of the State (but only to the extent that the non-Federal share of the expenditures is not reduced below any minimum specified in section 304(d) or any other provision of this title).*

*(c) DURATION OF WAIVER- The application by a State agency for a waiver under this section shall include a recommendation as to the duration of the waiver (not to exceed the duration of the State plan of the State). The Assistant Secretary, in granting such a waiver, shall specify the duration of the waiver, which may be the duration recommended by the State agency or such shorter time period as the Assistant Secretary finds to be appropriate.*

*(d) REPORTS TO SECRETARY- With respect to each waiver granted under this section, not later than 1 year after the expiration of such waiver, and at any time during the waiver period that the Assistant Secretary may require, the State agency shall prepare and submit to the Assistant Secretary a report evaluating the impact of the waiver on the operation and effectiveness of programs and services provided under this title.*

## **PART B--SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND SENIOR CENTERS PROGRAM AUTHORIZED**

### **SECTION 321 (42 U.S.C. 3030d)**

(a) The Assistant Secretary shall carry out a program for making grants to States under State plans approved under section 307 for any of the following supportive services:

(1) health (including mental health), education and training, welfare, informational, recreational, homemaker, counseling, or referral services;

(2) transportation services to facilitate access to supportive services or nutrition services, *and services provided by an area agency on aging, in conjunction with*

*local transportation service providers, public transportation agencies, and other local government agencies, that result in increased provision of such transportation services for older individuals;*

(3) services designed to encourage and assist older individuals to use the facilities and services (including information and assistance services) available to them, including language translation services to assist older individuals with limited-English speaking ability to obtain services under this title;

(4) services designed (A) to assist older individuals to obtain adequate housing, including residential repair and renovation projects designed to enable older individuals to maintain their homes in conformity with minimum housing standards; (B) to adapt homes to meet the needs of older individuals who have physical disabilities; (C) to prevent unlawful entry into residences of older individuals, through the installation of security devices and through structural modifications or alterations of such residences; *or (D) to assist older individuals in obtaining housing for which assistance is provided under programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development;*

(5) services designed to assist older individuals in avoiding institutionalization and to assist individuals in long-term care institutions who are able to return to their communities, including--

*(A) client assessment, case management services, and development and coordination of community services;*

*(B) supportive activities to meet the special needs of caregivers, including caretakers who provide in-home services to frail older individuals; and (C) in-home services and other community services, including home health, homemaker, shopping, escort, reader, and letter writing services, to assist older individuals to live independently in a home environment;*

(6) services designed to provide to older individuals legal assistance and other counseling services and assistance, including--

(A) tax counseling and assistance, financial counseling, and counseling regarding appropriate health and life insurance coverage;

(B) representation--

(i) of individuals who are wards (or are allegedly incapacitated); and

(ii) in guardianship proceedings of older individuals who seek to become guardians, if other adequate representation is unavailable in the proceedings; and

(C) provision, to older individuals who provide uncompensated care to their adult children with disabilities, of counseling to assist such older individuals with permanency planning for such children;

(7) services designed to enable older individuals to attain and maintain physical and mental well-being through programs of regular physical activity, exercise, music therapy, art therapy, and dance-movement therapy;

(8) services designed to provide health screening to detect or prevent illnesses, or both, that occur most frequently in older individuals;

- (9) services designed to provide, for older individuals, preretirement counseling and assistance in planning for and assessing future post-retirement needs with regard to public and private insurance, public benefits, lifestyle changes, relocation, legal matters, leisure time, and other appropriate matters;
- (10) services of an ombudsman at the State level to receive, investigate, and act on complaints by older individuals who are residents of long-term care facilities and to advocate for the well-being of such individuals;
- (11) services which are designed to meet the unique needs of older individuals who are disabled, and of older individuals who provide uncompensated care to their adult children with disabilities;
- (12) services to encourage the employment of older workers, including job and second career counseling and, where appropriate, job development, referral, and placement , *and including the coordination of the services with programs administered by or receiving assistance from the Department of Labor, including programs carried out under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.)*;
- (13) crime prevention services and victim assistance programs for older individuals;
- (14) a program, to be known as ``Senior Opportunities and Services'', designed to identify and meet the needs of low-income older individuals in one or more of the following areas: (A) development and provision of new volunteer services; (B) effective referral to existing health, employment, housing, legal, consumer, transportation, and other services; (C) stimulation and creation of additional services and programs to remedy gaps and deficiencies in presently existing services and programs; and (D) such other services as the Assistant Secretary may determine are necessary or especially appropriate to meet the needs of low-income older individuals and to assure them greater self-sufficiency;
- (15) services for the prevention of abuse of older individuals in accordance with chapter 3 of subtitle A of title VII and section 307(a)(12)
- (16) inservice training and State leadership for legal assistance activities;
- (17) health and nutrition education services, including information concerning prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of age-related diseases and chronic disabling conditions;
- (18) services designed to enable mentally impaired older individuals to attain and maintain emotional well-being and independent living through a coordinated system of support services;
- (19) services designed to support family members and other persons providing voluntary care to older individuals that need long-term care services;
- (20) services designed to provide information and training for individuals who are or may become guardians or representative payees of older individuals, including information on the powers and duties of guardians and representative payees and on alternatives to guardianships;
- (21) services to encourage and facilitate regular interaction between school-age children and older individuals, including visits in long-term care facilities, multipurpose senior centers, and other settings;

*(22) in-home services for frail older individual, including individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction, and their families, including in-home services defined by a State agency in the State plan submitted under section 307, taking into consideration the age, economic need, and non-economic and non-health factors contributing to the frail condition and need for services of the individuals described in this paragraph, and in-home services defined by an area agency on aging in the area plan submitted under section 306.*

*( 23) any other services necessary for the general welfare of older individuals; if such services meet standards prescribed by the Assistant Secretary and are necessary for the general welfare of older individuals. For purposes of paragraph (5), the term "client assessment through case management" includes providing information relating to assistive technology.*

- (b) (1) The Assistant Secretary shall carry out a program for making grants to States under State plans approved under section 307 for the acquisition, alteration, or renovation of existing facilities, including mobile units, and, where appropriate, construction of facilities to serve as multipurpose senior centers.
- (2) Funds made available to a State under this part may be used for the purpose of assisting in the operation of multipurpose senior centers and meeting all or part of the costs of compensating professional and technical personnel required for the operation of multipurpose senior centers.

*(c) In carrying out the provisions of this part, to more efficiently and effectively deliver services to older individuals, each area agency on aging shall coordinate services described in subsection (a) with other community agencies and voluntary organizations providing the same services. In coordinating the services, the area agency on aging shall make efforts to coordinate the services with agencies and organizations carrying out intergenerational programs or projects.*

*(d) Funds made available under this part shall supplement, and not supplant, any Federal, State, or local funds expended by a State or unit of general purpose local government (including an area agency on aging) to provide services described in subsection (a).*

**PART C--NUTRITION SERVICE**  
**SUBPART 1--CONGREGATE NUTRITION SERVICES**  
**PROGRAM AUTHORIZED**

**SECTION 331 (42 U.S.C. 3030e)**

The Assistant Secretary shall carry out a program for making grants to States under State plans approved under section 307 for the establishment and operation of nutrition projects--

- (1) which, 5 or more days a week (except in a rural area where such frequency is not feasible (as defined by the Assistant Secretary by regulation) and a lesser frequency is approved by the State agency), provide at least one hot or other appropriate meal per day and any additional meals which the recipient of a grant or contract under this subpart may elect to provide;
- (2) which shall be provided in congregate settings , *including adult day care facilities and multigenerational meal sites*; and
- (3) which may include nutrition education services and other appropriate nutrition services for older individuals.

## **SUBPART 2--HOME DELIVERED NUTRITION SERVICES PROGRAM AUTHORIZED**

### **SECTION 336 (42 U.S.C. 3030f)**

The Assistant Secretary shall carry out a program for making grants to States under State plans approved under section 307 for the establishment and operation of nutrition projects for older individuals which, 5 or more days a week (except in a rural area where such frequency is not feasible (as defined by the Assistant Secretary by regulation) and a lesser frequency is approved by the State agency), provide at least one home delivered hot, cold, frozen, dried, canned, or supplemental foods (with a satisfactory storage life) meal per day and any additional meals which the recipient of a grant or contract under this subpart may elect to provide.

### **SECTION 337 (42 U.S.C. 3030g) CRITERIA**

The Assistant Secretary, in consultation with organizations of and for the aged, blind, and disabled, and with representatives from the American Dietetic Association, the Dietary Managers Association, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs, the National Association of Meals Programs, Incorporated, and any other appropriate group, shall develop minimum criteria of efficiency and quality for the furnishing of home delivered meal services for projects described in section 336. The criteria required by this section shall take into account the ability of established home delivered meals programs to continue such services without major alteration in the furnishing of such services.

## **SUBPART 3- GENERAL PROVISIONS SECTION 339 NUTRITION**

*A State that establishes and operates a nutrition project under this chapter shall—*

- (1) *solicit the advice of a dietitian or individual with comparable expertise in the planning of nutritional services, and*
- (2) *ensure that the project—*
  - (A) *provides meals that—*
    - (i) *comply with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, published by the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture,*
    - (ii) *provide to each participating older individual—*
      - (I) *a minimum of 33 1/3 percent of the daily recommended dietary allowances as established by the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, if the project provides 1 meal per day,*
      - (II) *a minimum of 66 2/3 percent of the allowances if the project provides 2 meals per day, and*
      - (III) *100 percent of the allowances if the project provides 3 meals per day, and*
    - (iii) *to the maximum extent practicable, are adjusted to meet any special dietary needs of program participants,*
  - (B) *provides flexibility to local nutrition providers in designing meals that are appealing to program participants,*
  - (C) *encourages providers to enter into contracts that limit the amount of time meals must spend in transit before they are consumed,*
  - (D) *where feasible, encourages arrangement with schools and other facilities serving meals to children in order to promote intergenerational meal programs,*
  - (E) *provides that meals, other than in-home meals, are provided in settings in as close proximity to the majority of eligible older individuals' residences as feasible,*
  - (F) *comply with applicable provisions of State or local laws regarding the safe and sanitary handling of food, equipment, and supplies used in the storage, preparation, service, and delivery of meals to an older individual,*
  - (G) *ensures that meal providers carry out such project with the advice of dietitians (or individuals with comparable expertise), meal participants, and other individuals knowledgeable with regard to the needs of older individuals,*
  - (H) *ensures that each participating area agency on aging establishes procedures that allow nutrition project administrators the option to offer a meal, on the same basis as meals provided to participating older individuals, to individuals providing volunteer services during the meal hours, and to individuals with disabilities who reside at home with and accompany older individuals eligible under this chapter,*
  - (I) *ensures that nutrition services will be available to older individuals and to their spouses, and may be made available to individuals with disabilities who are not older individuals but who reside in housing facilities occupied primarily by older individuals at which congregate nutrition services are provided, and*
  - (J) *provide for nutrition screening and, where appropriate, for nutrition education and counseling.*

**PART D--DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES PROGRAM AUTHORIZED**

**SECTION 361 (42 U.S.C. 3030m)**

(a) The Assistant Secretary shall carry out a program for making grants to States under State plans approved under section 307 to provide disease prevention and health promotion services and information at multipurpose senior centers, at congregate meal sites, through home delivered meals programs, or at other appropriate sites. In carrying out such program, the Assistant Secretary shall consult with the Directors of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institute on Aging.

(b) The Assistant Secretary shall, to the extent possible, assure that services provided by other community organizations and agencies are used to carry out the provisions of this part.

**SECTION 362 (42 U.S.C. 3030n) DISTRIBUTION TO AREA AGENCIES ON AGING**

The State agency shall give priority, in carrying out this part, to areas of the State--

- (1) which are medically underserved; and
- (2) in which there are a large number of older individuals who have the greatest economic need for such services.

***PART E--NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM***

***SECTION 371 SHORT TITLE.***

*This part may be cited as the 'National Family Caregiver Support Act'.*

*Subpart 1--Caregiver Support Program*

***SECTION 372. DEFINITIONS.***

*In this subpart:*

- (1) CHILD- The term 'child' means an individual who is not more than 18 years of age.*
- (2) FAMILY CAREGIVER- The term 'family caregiver' means an adult family member, or another individual, who is an informal provider of in-home and community care to an older individual.*
- (3) GRANDPARENT OR OLDER INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A RELATIVE CAREGIVER- The term 'grandparent or older individual who is a relative*

*caregiver' means a grandparent or stepgrandparent of a child, or a relative of a child by blood or marriage, who is 60 years of age or older and--*

*(A) lives with the child;*

*(B) is the primary caregiver of the child because the biological or adoptive parents are unable or unwilling to serve as the primary caregiver of the child; and*

*(C) has a legal relationship to the child, as such legal custody or guardianship, or is raising the child informally.*

### **SECTION 373. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

*(a) IN GENERAL- The Assistant Secretary shall carry out a program for making grants to States with State plans approved under section 307, to pay for the Federal share of the cost of carrying out State programs, to enable area agencies on aging, or entities that such area agencies on aging contract with, to provide multifaceted systems of support services--*

*(1) for family caregivers; and*

*(2) for grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers.*

*(b) SUPPORT SERVICES- The services provided, in a State program under subsection (a), by an area agency on aging, or entity that such agency has contracted with, shall include--*

*(1) information to caregivers about available services;*

*(2) assistance to caregivers in gaining access to the services;*

*(3) individual counseling, organization of support groups, and caregiver training to caregivers to assist the caregivers in making decisions and solving problems relating to their caregiving roles;*

*(4) respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved from their caregiving responsibilities; and*

*(5) supplemental services, on a limited basis, to complement the care provided by caregivers.*

*(c) POPULATION SERVED; PRIORITY.--*

*(1) POPULATION SERVED- Services under a State program under this subpart shall be provided to family caregivers, and grandparents and older individuals who are relative caregivers, and who--*

*(A) are described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a); and*

*(B) with regard to the services specified in paragraphs (4) and (5) of subsection (b), in the case of a caregiver described in paragraph (1), is providing care to an older individual who meets the condition specified in subparagraph (A)(i) or (B) of section 102(26).*

*(2) PRIORITY- In providing services under this subpart, the State shall give priority for services to older individuals with greatest social and economic need, (with particular attention to low-income older individuals) and older individuals*

*providing care and support to persons with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6001)) (referred to in this subpart as 'developmental disabilities').*

*(d) COORDINATION WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS- In carrying out this subpart, each area agency on aging shall coordinate the activities of the agency, or entity that such agency has contracted with, with the activities of other community agencies and voluntary organizations providing the types of services described in subsection (b).*

*(e) QUALITY STANDARDS AND MECHANISMS AND ACCOUNTABILITY-*

*(1) QUALITY STANDARDS AND MECHANISMS- The State shall establish standards and mechanisms designed to assure the quality of services provided with assistance made available under this subpart.*

*(2) DATA AND RECORDS- The State shall collect data and maintain records relating to the State program in a standardized format specified by the Assistant Secretary. The State shall furnish the records to the Assistant Secretary, at such time as the Assistant Secretary may require, in order to enable the Assistant Secretary to monitor State program administration and compliance, and to evaluate and compare the effectiveness of the State programs.*

*(3) REPORTS- The State shall prepare and submit to the Assistant Secretary reports on the data and records required under paragraph (2), including information on the services funded under this subpart, and standards and mechanisms by which the quality of the services shall be assured.*

*(f) CARGEIVER ALLOTMENT-*

*(F) (1) IN GENERAL.—*

*(A) From the sums appropriated under subsection 303(e) for fiscal years 2001 through 2005, the Assistant Secretary shall allot amounts among the States proportionately based on the population of individuals 70 years of age or older in the States*

*(B) In determining the amounts allotted to States from the sums appropriated under section 303 for a fiscal year, the Assistant Secretary shall first determine the amount allotted to each State under subparagraph (A) and then proportionately adjust such amounts, if necessary, to meet the requirements of paragraph (2).*

*(C) The number of individuals 70 years of age or older in any State and in all States shall be determined by the Assistant Secretary on the basis of the most recent data available from the Bureau of the Census and other reliable demographic data satisfactory to the Assistant Secretary.*

*(2) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—*

*(A) The amounts allotted under paragraph (1) shall be reduced proportionately to the extent necessary to increase other allotments under such paragraph to achieve the amounts described in subparagraph (B).*

- (B) (i) *Each State shall be allotted 1/2 of 1 percent of the amount appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made.*  
(ii) *Guam and the Virgin Islands of the United States shall each be allotted 1/4 of 1 percent of the amount appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made.*  
(iii) *American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall each be allotted 1/16 of 1 percent of the amount appropriated for the fiscal year for which the determination is made.*  
(C) *For the purposes of subparagraph (B)(i), the term 'State' does not include Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*

**(g) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS-**

*(1) USE OF FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF AREA PLANS- Amounts made available to a State to carry out the State program under this subpart may be used, in addition to amounts available in accordance with section 303(c)(1), for costs of administration of area plans.*

**(2) FEDERAL SHARE-**

*(A) IN GENERAL- Notwithstanding section 304(d)(1)(D), the Federal share of the cost of carrying out a State program under this subpart shall be 75 percent.*

*(B) NON-FEDERAL SHARE- The non-Federal share of the cost shall be provided from State and local sources.*

*(C) LIMITATION- A State may use not more than 10 percent of the total Federal and non-Federal share available to the State to provide support services to grandparents and older individuals who are relative caregivers.*

**SECTION 374. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.**

*Funds made available under this subpart shall supplement, and not supplant, any Federal, State, or local funds expended by a State or unit of general purpose local government (including an area agency on aging) to provide services described in section 373.*

**Subpart 2--National Innovation Programs**

**SECTION 375. INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

*(a) IN GENERAL- The Assistant Secretary shall carry out a program for making grants on a competitive basis to foster the development and testing of new approaches to sustaining the efforts of families and other informal caregivers of older individuals, and to serving particular groups of caregivers of older individuals, including low- income caregivers and distant caregivers and linking family support programs with the State*

*entity or agency that administers or funds programs for persons with mental retardation or related developmental disabilities and their families.*

*(b) EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS- The Assistant Secretary shall provide for evaluation of the effectiveness of programs and activities funded with grants made under this section, and for dissemination to States of descriptions and evaluations of such programs and activities, to enable States to incorporate successful approaches into their programs carried out under this part.*

*(c) SUNSET PROVISION- This section shall be effective for 3 fiscal years after the date of enactment of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000.*

***SEC. 376. ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.***

*(a) IN GENERAL- The Assistant Secretary shall, directly or by grant or contract, carry out activities of national significance to promote quality and continuous improvement in the support provided to family and other informal caregivers of older individuals through program evaluation, training, technical assistance, and research.*

*(b) SUNSET PROVISION- This section shall be effective for 3 fiscal years after the date of enactment of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000.*