

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Aging**

DATE: September 9, 2020

TO: Area Agency on Aging Directors

FROM: Robert Torres
Secretary

SUBJECT: Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Program Requirements, Planning Allocations and Aging Services Block Grant Format for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Revision #1.

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging has prepared APD #21-01-01 "Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Program Requirements, Planning Allocations and Aging Services Block Grant Format for FY 2020-21 Revision #1". It is also available on the PDA website.

Highlights of the changes in APD 21-01-01 include:

- An overall \$85.5M increase above the Cooperative Agreement allocations. The change includes a:
 - \$36.5M increase in COVID-19 related funding.
 - \$33M increase in OPTIONS Services funding.
 - \$9.6M increase in Block Grant Supplement funding.
 - \$738K increase in supplemental APPRISE allocations.
 - \$1M increase in supplemental Ombudsman allocations.
 - \$4.3M increase in Protective Services allocations.
 - \$1M increase in NSIP funding.
 - \$1.1M net decrease in Caregiver Support Program and Federal Caregiver Support programs
- Aligning Title IIID, Caregiver Support and Federal Caregiver Support program allocations with the FY 2020-21 AAA annual plans.
- Authorization for AAAs to provide up to a 2 percent (%) increase for vendors.
- Establishing the In-Home Service Parameter at 60%.
- Adjusting the poverty level rates to the 2020 standards established by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Please forward questions regarding this information to Rob Heinlen. He can be contacted by telephone at (717) 772-0192 or by email rheinlen@pa.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation with meeting the financial requirements as outlined in the attached APD.