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REGULATORY

REFERENCES: o 6 PA Code, Chapter 30 (PA Bulletin, Vol. 10, No. 21, May 24, 1980)
o Pennsylvania Act 1988-153 (P.L. 477, No. 70)

PURPOSE: This Aging Program Directive sets forth the Department's intent regarding the allocation of funds to Area Agencies whenever the Department, pursuant to regulations set forth in 6 PA Code, Chapter 30, acts to designate an agency or organization as the Area Agency within a new Planning and Service Area (PSA) or to redesignate a new Area Agency to serve an existing PSA.

BACKGROUND: The PDA issued final regulations regarding the Designation and Redesignation of AAA's in 1980 (as published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, Volume 10, Number 21, pages 2040 - 2048).

CONTENT: Definitions:

- a. **Designation** - Action by the PDA to select one or more new AAAs which can occur only after the Department has first changed existing PSA boundaries.
- b. **Redesignation** - Action by the PDA to select a new AAA to serve an existing PSA. In this process, there is no prior change in the geographic service area; change occurs only in the agency serving a particular PSA.

Sections 30.11 through 30.24 of 6 PA Code Chapter 30 were issued, pursuant both to Federal Older Americans Act regulations and to Pennsylvania Act 1988-153, to insure continuity of service in a PSA whenever the Department must: (1), DESIGNATE one or more new Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) after the Department has changed existing PSA boundaries, or (2), REDESIGNATE a new AAA to serve an existing PSA after the Department has removed the designation of the existing AAA. These Sections deal with the circumstances requiring either of the above Departmental actions, and with the procedures for carrying out either of these actions.

However, these regulations do not specifically address the issue of the allocation of funds in such situations. This APD addresses that omission by stating the Department's intent regarding the allocation of funds when designating or redesignating new AAAs.

Statement of Intent for the Allocation of Funds to Newly-Designated AAA's:

All federal and state funds are allocated to PSA's by the PDA in accordance with a standard formula as published with the Department's State Plan on Aging.

The following procedure applies to AAAs that are joinders comprising more than one county and, on or after the effective date of this APD, dissolve the joinder to form more than one newly-designated AAA:

1. In their first year of existence, newly-designated AAAs that were formerly part of a joinder cannot receive more funding, in total, than those AAAs would have otherwise received for that year under the joinder.
2. The current allocation formula contains a clause specifying that no AAA may receive less state funding than in the preceding fiscal year (hereafter referred to as the "required state amount" -- reference Section 2210-A, Pennsylvania Act 1988-153). Since the newly-designated AAAs are in their first year of existence, each new AAA received no state funding in the previous fiscal year. Therefore, the clause in the allocation formula specifying a required state amount does not apply.
3. In their first year of existence, the allocations for the newly-designated AAAs will be determined by using the current allocation formula, including the clause containing the required state amount,

to calculate the amount of funding for the former joinder to which the newly-designated AAAs belonged. This amount will then be divided among the newly-designated AAAs by applying the factors in the current allocation formula, not including the factor specifying a required state amount. In subsequent years, the allocations will be calculated for all AAAs in accordance with the current allocation formula, including the required state amount.

In cases where the Department redesignates a new AAA to serve an existing PSA, the allocation for the redesignated AAA will be determined by using the current allocation formula, including the required state amount.

Questions regarding this APD should be directed to the Division of Planning and Research, telephone (717) 783-8975.