

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Aging

**DATE:** November 19, 2009

**TO:** Area Agency on Aging Directors

**FROM:** John Michael Hall  
Secretary  
Pennsylvania Department of Aging



**SUBJECT: Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Program Requirements, Planning Allocations and Aging Services Block Grant Format for SFY 2009-10**

The Department of Aging has prepared Aging Program Directive (APD) #09-01-06, "Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Program Requirements, Planning Allocations and Aging Services Block Grant Format for FY 2009-10." The APD is available to be electronically accessed on the AAAEXCEL drive.

Highlights of the changes for FY 2009-10 include:

- As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding, the Regular Block Grant schedule shows a change in the federal/state source of funds included in the allocation, but the total remains unchanged. The Penn Care funding that has been removed is reallocated as "Other-Special Projects" which is intended to enhance nutrition programs.
- The Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) allocation was increased by \$500,000.
- The Attendant Care allocation is being based on 85% of the final budget allocation for FY 2008-09. Under funding for Attendant Care for FY 2008-09 has been included in the allocation. The Department of Aging will reimburse the AAA for its total Attendant Care costs by issuing a second amendment to the AAA's Block Grant Allocation, which is anticipated in April 2010.
- Column 1, Regular Block Grant, on the "change" spreadsheet for the Block Grant Allocation reflects the impact of

drawing Federal match for all initial assessments and a portion of the I&R expenditures.

Overall, no AAA received a decrease in funds. Those AAAs showing a decrease in Column 1, Regular Block grant allocation, received additional funds in Column 2, MA Assessments. The reduction in Regular Block grant funds is being used as match for the additional AAA funds for all initial assessments and a portion of the I&R expenditures.

- Block Grant Data Submission: Completed fiscal documents of the Amendment Block Grant application are due by **December 11, 2009.**

The Department will be adjusting the December payment to include the first seven months of all additional revenues included in the Aging Block Grant Amendment, including attendant care and other special funds.

All AAAs are required to submit the "Application for Support" document, the "Non-Profit Governing Board Listing" and the "County Commissioner Listing" Sheets included in Attachment B (ATTACHB). One copy of ABGAPP-09, "Application for Support for Area Plan on Aging" (with original signatures) must be completed and mailed to the Bureau of Program Integrity by **December 11, 2009.** The Non-Profit Governing Board Listing and the County Commissioner Listing Sheets also must be electronically transmitted to Mr. Kyle Kessler, [kykessler@state.pa.us](mailto:kykessler@state.pa.us) by that date.

Please forward questions regarding this information to Mr. Rob Heinlen at telephone number (717) 265-7888 or by email at [rheinlen@state.pa.us](mailto:rheinlen@state.pa.us).

As always, thank you for your cooperation with meeting the budget submission requirements.