

## Idaho Commission on Aging Technical Guidance

Policy Subject	Policy #
ICOA Technical Guidance <u>Cost Sharing for Respite</u>	TG.AD.01

### **Title: Utilizing Cost Sharing for Respite:**

The implementation of “Cost Sharing” for Respite meets both federal and state requirements and is allowable. Section 4.18 Subsection 5 below lists the mandatory services in the IDAPA that require “Cost Sharing”. When not prohibited by federal law, “Cost Sharing” can be applied to other services as stated in OAA Section 315(a)(1). A waiver is not required as it does not meet the requirements in OAA Section .315(a)(6).

### **Program Manual: 4.18 Cost Sharing Payments and Client Contributions.** (IDAPA 15.01.01.025)

**Subsection 5: Cost Sharing Payment Required.** Cost sharing payments are required from clients receiving either Chore or Homemaker Services. (4-6-05)

### **OAA 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.

(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.