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Acronyms:

AAA – Area Agency on Aging

ICOA – Idaho Commission on Aging

OAA – Older Americans Act

SUA – State Unit on Aging

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to formally document that cost sharing is not permitted for any services provided under the Older Americans Act (OAA) within the State of Idaho. This policy fulfills the OAA Final Rule requirement for State Unit on Aging (SUA) to establish written policies on cost sharing, regardless of whether the State chooses to implement cost sharing.

Scope:

This policy applies to Idaho Commission on Aging (ICOA) as Idaho's SUA, all Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), all contracted service providers, and all services supported with OAA funds.

Policy Statement:

ICOA prohibits all forms of cost sharing for any OAA funded service. No individual may be charged a fee, sliding-scale contribution, income-based assessment, or any other required payment as a condition of receiving services funded by the OAA.

Definitions:

- **Cost Sharing** – Means requesting payment using a sliding scale, based only on an individual's income and the cost of delivering the service, in a manner consistent with the exceptions, prohibitions, and other conditions laid out in the Act.

Prohibited Practices:

Under this policy, the following are strictly prohibited:

- Implementing a sliding scale for OAA services
- Charging mandatory fees to any service participant
- Conditioning service access on the ability or willingness to pay
- Asking about income to set a required fee

Contributions and Income Use:

- All OAA recipients are given the opportunity to make a donation, in accordance with our program income and voluntary contribution policies.