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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:

This policy establishes procedures for the Idaho Commission on Aging (ICOA), the State Unit on Aging (SUA) for the State of Idaho, regarding the funding requirements for the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program as required by the Older Americans Act (OAA), 45 CFR 1321.9 (c)(2)(vii) and 1324.13 (f).

Scope:

This policy applies to ICOA and all entities receiving or administering funds for the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

Policy Statement:

ICOA will allocate and administer all Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program funds in accordance with the OAA and 45 CFR requirements. ICOA and the State Ombudsman will work together to ensure effective service delivery, accountability, and resident-centered advocacy across all participating entities.

Definitions:

- **Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** – Serves as a vital advocacy program aimed at improving the quality of care and life for residents in long-term care settings, such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other residential care communities.

Requirements:

1. ICOA must expend annually under Title III and Title VII of the Act, respectively, for the Ombudsman Program no less than the minimum amounts (fiscal year 2019) that are required to be expended by section 307(a)(9) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 3027(a)(9);
2. Fiscal management and determination of resources appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Office are in compliance as forth at 45 CFR 1321.13(f); and
3. ICOA provides the Ombudsman with verifiable expenditures each year in January so the Ombudsman can complete their reporting through the National Ombudsman Reporting System.

Allocations and Awards:

1. Funding is reduced from the annual Title III-B award and allocated to support the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program in accordance with the approved IFF.
2. Title III-B funding is allotted to AAAs through the IFF to support the Ombudsman program and meet the minimum amounts. Each AAA must meet or exceed the same amount as expended in 2019.
3. The full annual award for Title VII funding is used to fund the State of Idaho's Long-Term Ombudsman program and allocated to AAAs based on bed count.