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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 establish a process that the Idaho Commission on Aging (ICOA), the State Unit on Aging (SUA) for the State of Idaho shall maintain minimum expenditures for services for older individuals residing in rural areas as required by the Older Americans Act (OAA) 45 CFR 1321.9 (c)(2)(viii).

Scope:

This policy only applies to ICOA as Idaho's SUA.

Policy Statement:

In accordance with the OAA, the ICOA will ensure that it will maintain at least minimum expenditures (requires at least as much be spent for these services as in fiscal year 2000) in each fiscal year on services for older individuals resigning in rural areas.

Requirements:

1. ICOA defines "rural" based on the Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) codes assigned at the Zip-code level. These codes classify the consumer's developed environment by measuring local urbanization and commuting patterns;
2. For each fiscal year, ICOA must spend on services for older individuals residing in rural areas the minimum annual amount that is not less than the amount expended for each service, as required by the Act. At the time of this policy development the amount is set as reported in FFY 2000; and

3. ICOA must project the cost of providing such services for each fiscal year (including the cost of providing access to such services) and must specify a plan for meeting the needs for such services for each fiscal year.

Procedures:

ICOA documents assurances for rural minimum expenditures and funding allocations for rural areas in the State Plan on Aging's Information Requirements and Intrastate Formula sections.