

Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging 2010-2011 State Budget Priorities

July, 2009

The OAAAA supports House Bill 1 as passed by the House and Senate that endorses Unified Long-Term Care Budget recommendations:

Providing a community based Long-term Care system, driven by consumer choice that does not limit any choice costing less than nursing facility care through:

- No waiting lists for PASSPORT, Assisted Living or PACE;
- A modified state budget structure to create a single line item for long-term care services in department budgets;
- An interagency forecasting process that allows for the transfer of funds from the nursing home stabilization fund to Aging as needed;
- A “one-waiver” for Medicaid programs including PASSPORT, Assisted Living, and Enhance Community Living to broaden home and community based choices;
- Statewide implementation of Choices, a self directed care program for PASSPORT consumers;
- Care management and authorization of Medicaid State Plan services for PASSPORT consumers including nursing, home health, and durable medical equipment;
- Removal of state law language capping Assisted Living slots;
- Follow up assessments and education to nursing facility residents about home and community based options: This provision exists as Long-Term Care Consultations in nursing facilities. No new funds have been allocated for this purpose;
- Funding for the Senior Community Services Block Grant that assures Ohio meets Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements for Older Americans Act funding; and
- Funding Adult Protective Services by restoring Title XX and APS line item.

Additional Funding Needed to Ensure the Success of Medicaid Long-Term Care Balancing:

- Restore \$5 million to Senior Community Services line to maintain FY 08-09 service levels for consumers just above Medicaid waiver eligibility.
- \$7.5 million from the 5R20 line item for Long-Term Care Consultations in nursing facilities, which would provide follow up assessments for nursing facility residents to assist in transition to home/community settings.
- \$8 million for Ohio-based Clearview Technologies to create a “Front Door” web-based platform and coordination of multiple agencies, which would provide consumers information statewide about services and supports. This system could also provide a web-based PASRR process enhancing the efficiency and cost effectiveness of nursing homes, hospitals and AAAs.

OHIO
ASSOCIATION
OF AREA
AGENCIES
ON AGING



www.ohioaging.org

Area Agencies on Aging
CARE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM