



Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging



2011 Virginia General Assembly Priorities

2011 Livable Communities Plan

Within the next 20 years one in five Virginians will be elderly. The Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging (V4A) advocates policies that acknowledge the diversity of older Virginians, their caregivers and the communities in which they live. V4A focuses on the most critical needs by promoting legislation and budget investments that address current needs while building sustainable structures and laws that strengthen the public, private and not-for-profit sectors in preparing Virginia to become a Commonwealth of livable communities for all ages.

Action Item:

Each AAA receiving care coordination funding shall submit to VDA its plan for care coordination with the annual area plan report beginning SFY2012.

Restore Upcoming Medicaid Cuts for All Community-Based Long Term Services & Supports for SFY2012

Updating and moving from plans to action:

Currently 18 of the 25 AAAs receive funding for CCEVP, one form of service coordination. Several others have other care coordination funding. This amendment would require ALL AAAs receiving public care coordination funding to submit plans to VDA for services/care coordination. The Commissioner and current task force will develop required streamlined eligibility, reporting, and data & outcome reporting to include at least the following:

- for eligibility, at least 1 ADL or compromised or limited mobility; and
- number of **eligible contacts**. From that number, numbers of clients **referred to community-based services**, numbers of **clients enrolled** in services (self-reported), numbers of clients **still in the community 6 months** from enrollment and number of clients **still in the community 12 months** out.

Medicaid Personal Care, Respite Care, Consumer-Directed Care, PERS installation and monitoring, Adult Day Health Care, and Adult Day Health Care transportation will be reduced by 5% July 1, 2011 without action. The funding must be restored. Virginia currently has some of the lowest reimbursement rates in the United States; this cut would exacerbate access problems and drive community-based older Virginians to more costly settings as well as making it difficult for service providers to retain staff or pay a decent wage.

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