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PROGRAM MEMO

TO: Area Agencies on Aging and county Health and Human Services agencies

NO: 23-15

DATE ISSUED: July 21, 2023

EXPIRES: Until Superseded or Rescinded

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: Home and Community Based Services

SUPERSEDES: 22-04, 22-09, 22-10, 22-11, 22-20

SUBJECT: Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Time Extension

Background

The intent of this Program Memo is to inform Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and county Health and Human Services (HHS) agencies of the HCBS time extension for the following specified programs. This Program Memo details important steps and reporting information for the AAAs and county HHS agencies that wish to participate in the HCBS time extension.

This Program Memo pertains only to the specific HCBS programs outlined below. The California Department of Aging (CDA) will extend these specified programs for encumbrance and expenditure to September 30, 2024. Closeouts will be due October 31, 2024.

Digital Connections (DC-2223-XX)

The Digital Connections (DC) contracts currently have an end date of December 31, 2023.

- August 2023 CDA will release time-only contract amendments to reflect the date and expenditure extension to September 30, 2024.
- Before December 31, 2023 AAAs must execute their DC amendment prior to the current expiration date of December 31, 2023, to take advantage of the time extension.
- Closeouts will be due October 31, 2024.

DC contract amendments not executed prior to December 31, 2023, will be ineligible for extension.

<u>Dignity at Home Fall Prevention, Senior Legal Services, Older Californians Nutrition</u>
<u>Program, Family Caregiving Support (IF- 2223-XX), Senior Nutrition Infrastructure (NI- 2223-XX), Access to Technology (AT-2223-XX):</u>

The following HCBS Contracts currently have an end date of December 31, 2024:

- Dignity at Home Fall Prevention (IF)
- Senior Legal Services (IF)
- Older Californians Nutrition Program (IF)
- Family Caregiving Support Program (IF)
- Senior Nutrition Infrastructure (NI)
- Access to Technology (AT)

CDA will issue cancellation notices in summer 2024 requiring that all IF, NI, and AT expenditures end no later than September 30, 2024. Closeouts will be due October 31, 2024.

There will not be an amendment issued for the IF, NI or AT contracts. If a AAA and/or county HHS agency wishes to submit a budget revision, the AAA and/or county HHS agency can follow standard CDA budget practices to do so.

Title V (TV-2122-A2-XX & TV-2223-A1-XX)

Title V contracts containing HCBS funding currently have an HCBS expenditure end date of December 31, 2023.

- August 2023 CDA will release time-only contract amendments to reflect the HCBS expenditure extension to June 30, 2024 within the contract Exhibit B, Attachment 2 Budget Display.
- Before December 31, 2023 AAAs must execute their Title V amendment no later than December 31, 2023, to take advantage of the time extension.

Title V contract amendments not executed prior to December 31, 2023 will be ineligible for HCBS funding extension.

Program Memo 23-10 is still effective in its entirety.

<u>Inquiries</u>

Questions or comments regarding the HCBS time extension may be directed to the Local Finance Bureau by email at: Finance@aging.ca.gov

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