



FUTURE-READYING THE CALIFORNIA AGING NETWORK

UPDATE & OUTLOOK

March 26, 2025

1. OPEN AND WEBINAR PURPOSE

PURPOSE OF TODAY'S WEBINAR

- Share progress on our efforts to review and update elements of the California Aging Network.
- Share our plan to engage stakeholders in the coming months regarding the three focus areas.

The **California Aging Network** refers to the California Department of Aging and the 33 Area Agencies on Aging.

AGENDA

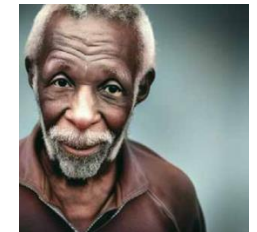
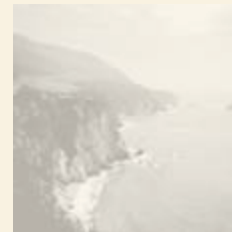
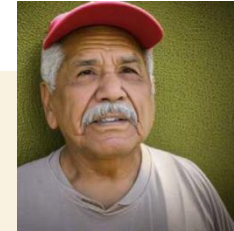
1. Open and Webinar Purpose
2. Why Future-readying is Important
3. Refresher and Outlook
4. Update on Focus Areas
 1. Funding Formula
 2. Statewide Services
 3. PSA & AAA Designations
5. Next Steps
6. Q&A

WELCOME

Susan DeMarois

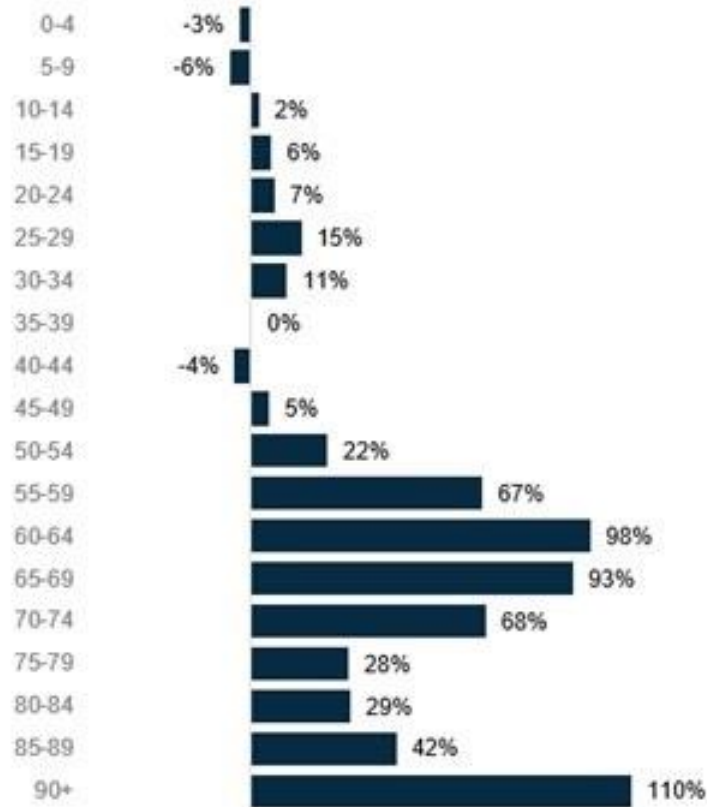
WHY FUTURE-READY THE NETWORK?

- **Population Changes & Growing Diversity**
- **Master Plan for Aging**
- **Increasing Role of Local Governments**
- **Integration and Alignment of Systems**
- **Focus on Transparency, Accountability, Value, and Outcomes**
- **Opportunity to Modernize Systems and Processes**

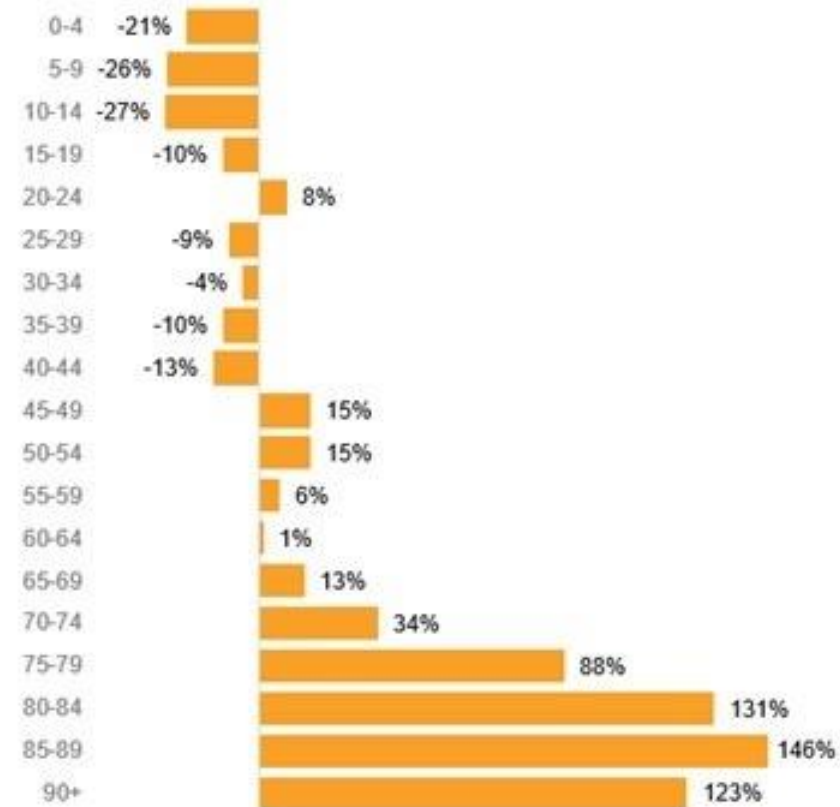


WHY FUTURE-READY THE NETWORK?

Percent Change, 2000 to 2020

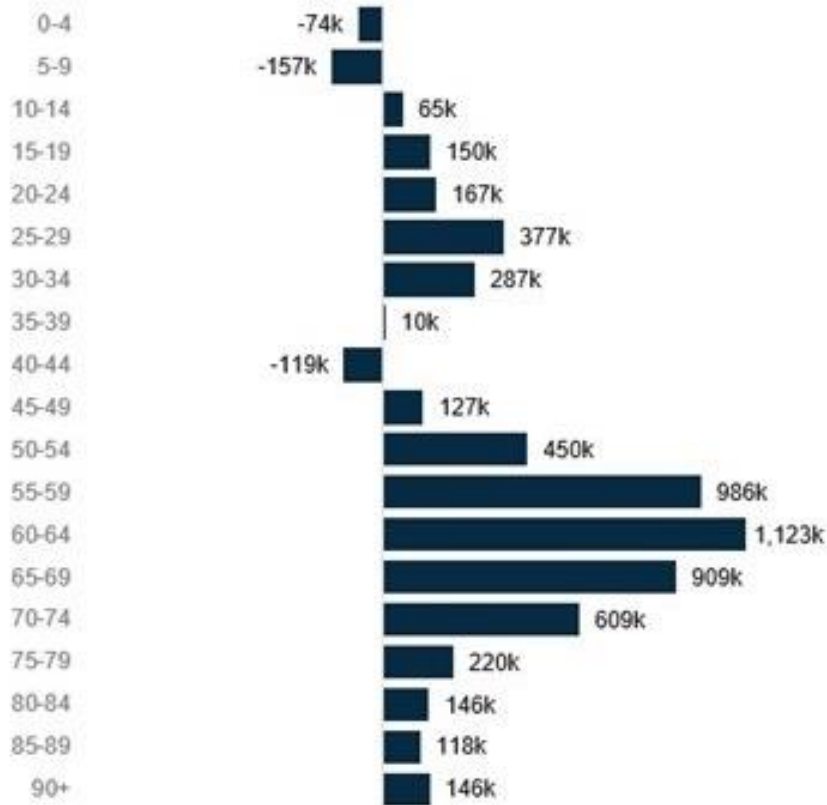


Percent Change, 2020 to 2040

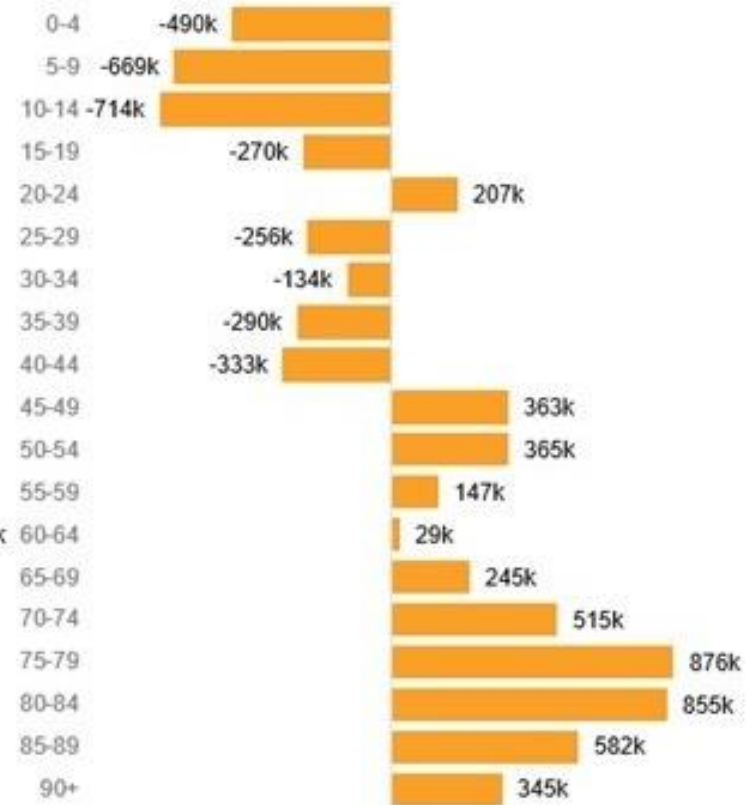


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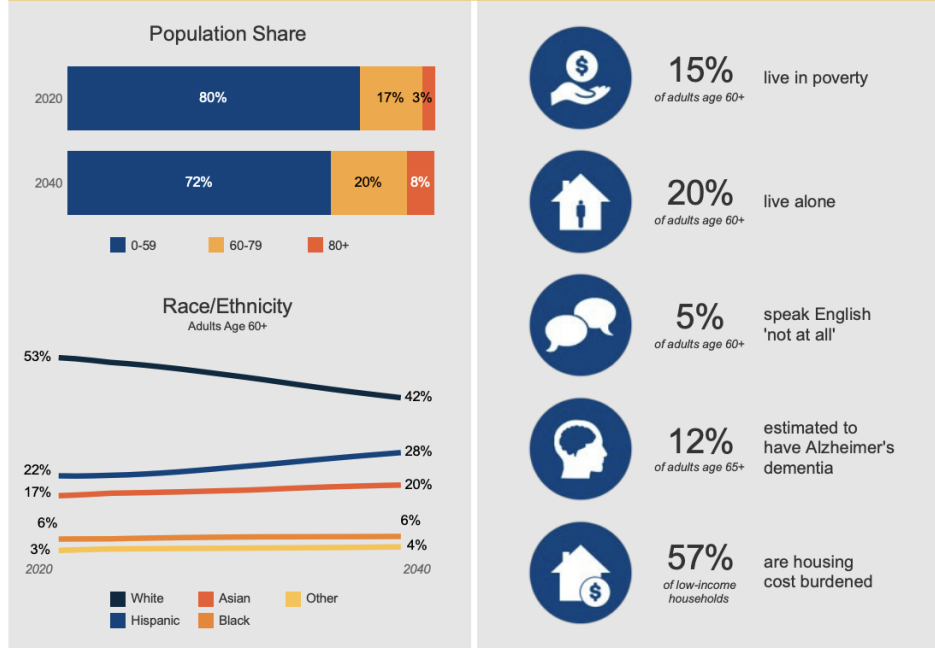


WHY FUTURE-READY THE NETWORK?

2020 Profile of Older Adults California



Projected Population Shifts | Social and Economic Needs



REFRESHER & OUTLOOK

Collaborative Consulting

2023 RESEARCH PHASES

- External Stakeholder Interviews
- CA Aging Network Interviews
- Profile of the CA Aging Network
- Promising Practices Research
- Trends and Projections Research
- Community Assessment Survey of Older Adults (CASOA)

“We can’t keep doing the same things and expect different results by 2030.”

*“Let’s see true **one-stop shopping**, where everyone knows where to call or go, with one phone number.”*

*“We need to make our policies and regulations **work for our vision**.”*

80 External Stakeholder Voices (Interviews)
162 AAA Voices (Interviews)
17,721 Older Californian Voices (CASOA)
11 Steering Committee Voices (Workshops)

*“Every one of us has **different needs, resources, and abilities** to try different things.”*

*“The network has evolved, but it has never been **designed**.”*

*“We must identify **capacities and capabilities** and organizational structures that will help AAAs be more effective.”*

EXTERNAL TO THE CA AGING NETWORK

- Increasing Need / Demand for Services
- Increasing Diversity of Californians
- Widening Social and Economic Disparities
- Systems Integration
- New Technologies
- Health vs Social Services Spending
- Healthcare Partnerships
- Increased Competition
- Public Emergencies and Natural Disasters

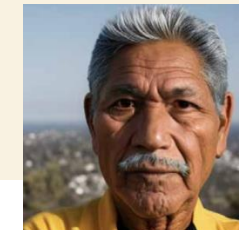
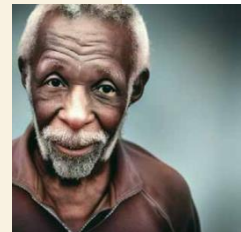
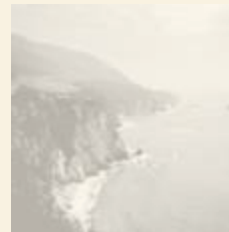
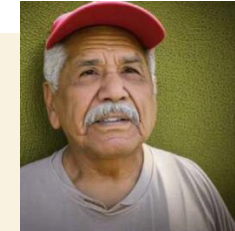
INTERNAL TO THE CA AGING NETWORK

- High Variation
 - Funding & Capacities
 - Planning / Research Methods
 - Programs & Services
 - Quality
 - Partnerships, Collaboration, Integration
- Scarce Data
 - Consumer Demographics
 - Outcomes
 - Spending in Each County
 - Data Management System(s)
- Limited Public Awareness

TRAITS OF A FUTURE-READY NETWORK

THE 8 TRAITS OF A FUTURE-READY CALIFORNIA AGING NETWORK:

1. Aging and Disability Forward
2. Inclusive and Equitable
3. Well-Known and Accessible
4. Consistent
5. Locally Responsive
6. Strategic and Action-Oriented
7. Performance-Based and Outcomes-Driven
8. Integrated



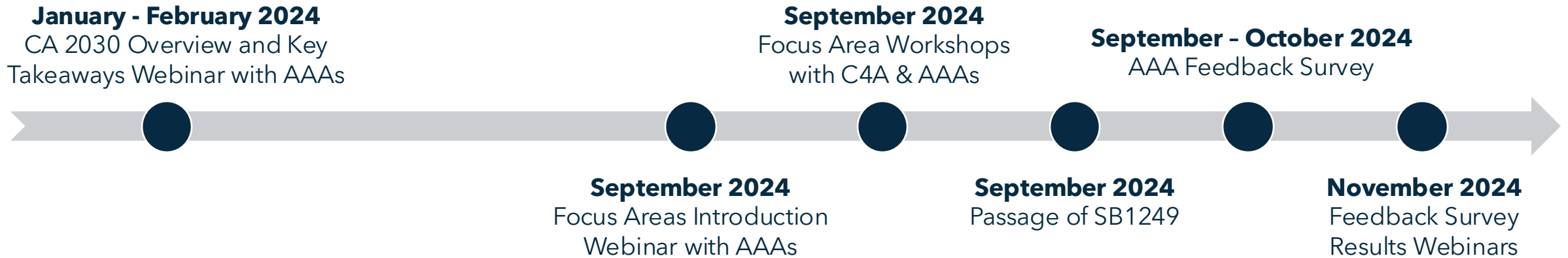
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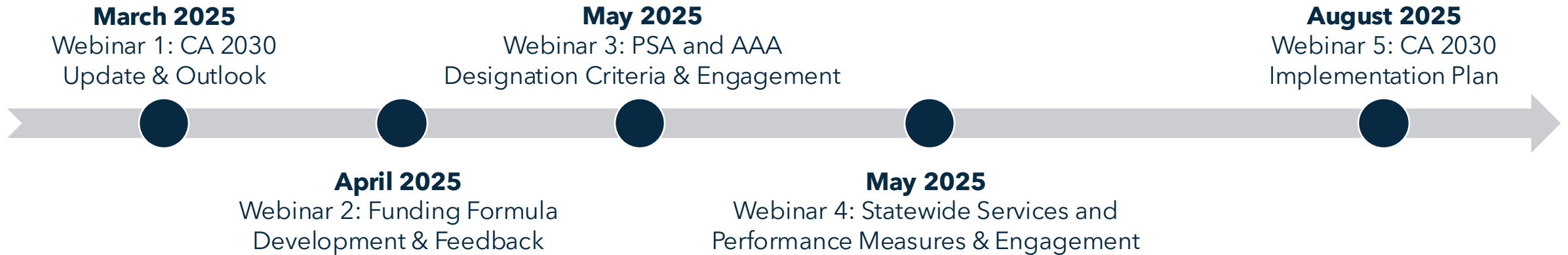
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2024 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & MILESTONES



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2025+: PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION

- **Reminder of the “who”:** Older adults, family caregivers, people with disabilities, CA Aging Network.
- **Decision-making on the “what”:** Funding formula, PSA/AAA designations, statewide services.
- **Planning for the “how”:** Statutes, regulations, policies, procedures, agreements.
- **Determining the “when”:** Establishing timelines into the next state planning cycle.

C4A PREFERENCES & CONCERNS



AREAS OF FOCUS	C4A CONCERNS
PSA & AAA DESIGNATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarity is needed on how CDA plans to address the requirements in ACL Final Rule Section 1321.13 related to designation and de-designation.• If boundary adjustments are considered, they must be aligned with service needs and funding structures.• AAAs request the opportunity to review and discuss any proposed boundary changes before decisions are made.
STATEWIDE SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A clear understanding of how CDA will define and implement core services under SB 1249.
FUNDING FORMULA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of Section 1321.9(c)(2)(viii) regarding rural minimum expenditures.• Ensuring that funding allocations reflect the realities of service delivery, particularly in rural areas and regions with high service demands.

4. UPDATE ON FOCUS AREAS

FOCUS AREA #1: INTRASTATE FUNDING FORMULA

Nicole Shimosaka

DECISIONS MADE:

1. Establishing a single streamlined Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) to apply to state and federal administrative and programmatic funds.
2. Updating the IFF factors and weights to align with the strategic priorities of CDA and AAAs.
3. Simplifying the Hold Harmless and Maintenance of Effort rules.
4. Increasing administrative base funding for all AAAs.

DECISIONS TO BE MADE:

1. Which IFF factors and weights will be used.
2. Adopt new approach to Hold Harmless / Maintenance of Effort policies that is inclusive of one-time-only rules.
3. Explore year-over-year budget change mitigation policies.
4. Amount of administrative base funding increase.
5. If base funding will be established for statewide services.

See [Welfare & Institutions Code \(Older Californians Act\) 9002](#) for the most recent state guidance on the decision-making areas.

4. UPDATE ON FOCUS AREAS

FOCUS AREA #2: STATEWIDE SERVICES

Denise Likar

DECISIONS MADE:

1. CDA will monitor existing requirements to ensure that all AAAs make the following services available in their PSAs:
 - A. Access Services (including Information & Assistance)
 - B. In-Home Services
 - C. Legal Services
 - D. Nutrition Services
 - E. Evidence-Based Wellness Services
 - F. Caregiver Services

DECISIONS MADE:

2. CDA will establish and formalize common performance measures across all statewide services, which will include measures in each of the following categories:
 - A. Process Measures (e.g., public outreach / engagement activities)
 - B. Output Measures (e.g., number of clients served)
 - C. Outcome Measures (e.g., client satisfaction)

DECISIONS MADE:

3. CDA will begin its performance measurement and monitoring development activities by focusing on the following areas first:
 - A. Access Services (including Information & Assistance)
 - B. Nutrition Services
 - C. Caregiver Services
4. CDA will improve data collection practices and increase data collection quality and consistency expectations.

DECISIONS MADE:

5. CDA will set minimum percentage allocation requirements to the following areas (per federal requirements):
 - A. Access Services
 - B. Legal Services
 - C. In-home Services

DECISIONS TO BE MADE:

1. The performance measures that will be used.
2. Any necessary updates to service requirements in state regulations, including how to promote statewide Enhanced Information & Assistance.
3. Specific minimum percentage allocation amounts to Access, Legal, and In-home services.
4. How CDA will recognize AAA performance.

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4. UPDATE ON FOCUS AREAS

FOCUS AREA #3: PSA & AAA DESIGNATIONS

Mark Beckley

DECISIONS MADE:

1. Future PSAs will need to have a general population of 100,000 or greater. Existing PSAs will be grandfathered in. Special exceptions will be considered based on specific criteria.
2. CDA will update PSA designation criteria.
3. Any future PSA designation changes will only occur as a result of successful future applications from qualifying entities.
4. CDA will update the policy and process for PSA designation applications and application reviews, including for instances where competing applications may exist.
5. CDA will allow entities to submit PSA designation applications at any time.
6. CDA will establish a specific time period for when it will review PSA designation applications and implement changes.

DECISIONS TO BE MADE:

1. Timing of policy changes and related planning and implementation of any new PSAs.
2. Updating the requirements and criteria used to evaluate future PSA applications.

DECISIONS MADE:

1. CDA will update AAA designation criteria.
2. Existing AAAs will not need to re-apply for AAA designation status after AAA designation criteria is updated. CDA will incorporate the updated criteria in its routine monitoring activities.
3. CDA will allow entities to submit AAA designation applications at any time.
4. CDA will establish a specific time period for when it will review AAA designation applications and implement changes.

DECISIONS TO BE MADE:

1. If / how eligible entities can submit applications for AAA designation without a PSA boundary change.
2. Timing of policy changes and related planning and implementation of any new AAAs.
3. Updates to existing and establishment of new AAA designation criteria.

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NEXT STEPS

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- **CA 2030 Webinars and Publications (2024):** <https://www.aging.ca.gov/CA2030/>
- **State Statutes & Regulations**
 - PSA/AAA Designations ([CCR](#)) ([OCA](#))
 - State Funding Formula ([OCA](#)) ([Area Plan Allocation Methodology](#))
 - Statewide Programs & Services ([CCR](#)) ([OCA](#))
- **Federal Statutes & Regulations:**
 - [Current Older Americans Act \(OAA\)](#)
 - [OAA Reauthorization Bill](#)
 - [ACL Final Rule](#) (Not Currently Available)

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