Administration for Community Living

Advancing independence and inclusion of older adults and people with disabilities

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor
Office of the Governor
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am pleased to inform you that the California State Plan on Aging Amendment, effective October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029, has been approved.

The amendment is limited to California's information requirement under section 307(a)(2)(C) of the Older Americans Act. It establishes the minimum proportion of Title III-B funds that each Area Agency on Aging must expend, absent an approved waiver, for the three priority service categories identified in section 306(a)(2): access services, in-home services, and legal assistance.

The Administration for Community Living approves a 1 percent minimum proportion for each category - 1 percent for access services, 1 percent for in-home services, and 1 percent for legal assistance - for implementation beginning July 1, 2027. California developed three options, conducted a 30-day public comment period from April 11 through May 11, 2026, held a virtual public hearing, and selected the option that received the greatest level of stakeholder support.

This approval resolves the State Plan corrective action concerning minimum proportions. It does not change California's Intrastate Funding Formula or any other provision of the approved 2025-2029 State Plan. The Administration for Community Living appreciates California's commitment to monitoring implementation and tracking Title III-B expenditures and looks forward to continuing to work with you and the California Department of Aging. Questions may be directed to aoa.oaa@acl.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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