

Illinois Department on Aging

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The FY16 Aging Budget focuses on 2 major points:

- Program sustainability
- Service delivery to those most in need

The FY16 Introduced Budget will include changes necessary for the Department to focus on those two major points.

Home Delivered Meals

- Approximately 40,700 homebound elderly will receive an estimated 6.0 million home delivered meals in FY15.
- The FY16 Introduced Budget will allow providers to pay for anticipated increases in food costs and maintain meal levels.
- Additionally, more than 1,120 older adults were denied home delivered meals last Fiscal Year due to lack of funding.
- The additional \$2,382,000 in GRF support for HDMs will “maintain” the current meal levels and will start to address the waiting lists.

Adult Protective Services/Long Term Care Ombudsman

- At the beginning of FY 2014 as a result of the passage of P.A. 98-0049, the Elder Abuse and Neglect Program transitioned to the Office of Adult Protective Services when it added responsibility for responding to reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults with disabilities, age 18-59 who reside in the community.
- The FY16 Introduced Budget allows for anticipated increases in the Adult Protective Services Program.
- The passage of HB 1191 in the last legislative session granted authority of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program to expand to persons in Medicaid waiver programs and to cover persons in Medicaid managed care programs. Ombudsman services and supports serve a quality assurance function that can help prevent negative and costly outcomes, like avoidable hospital or nursing facility stays.
- The state has agreed to extend HCO services to enrollees under the MMAI managed care program and funding to cover much of that service is anticipated through a federal grant shortly. The amount is uncertain. Coverage for participants in waiver programs was included in the BIP work plan. Some funding also is available from the LTC Ombudsman fund. This leaves coverage for whatever MMAI related costs are not covered by the federal grant and coverage for persons under the ICP managed care program. The FY16 Introduced Budget covers anticipated costs to LTCOP.

Community Care Program

- The Community Care Program (CCP); accounts for 93% of the general revenue budget and 85% of overall budget
 - CCP has grown 387% in the last 10 years; the elderly are the fastest growing segment of the population
 - Assisting an average of 76,000 seniors a month with essential activities of daily living, such as getting dressed, going to appointments, household chores in the fee-for-service line
- The CCP will institute the following changes in order to continue important necessary services to our most vulnerable seniors.
 - An average reduction of approximately 1 unit of service per week per client.
 - Removal of the enhanced rate but still available as the alternative is the healthcare exchange.
 - New eligibility requirement of an income level of \$17,500; grandfathering in existing clients.
 - Change in Determination of Need from the lowest eligible score of 29 to become 37; grandfathering in existing clients.