



ECIAAA Legislative Update - On the State Scene

June 11, 2015 – The East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging brings you the following **Legislative Update** from **i4a** – the Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging regarding the “crisis issues” affecting the Illinois budgeting process for SFY 2016.

What you can do - Contact the following State Senators serving our area who have leadership roles in the Illinois General Assembly – let your voice be heard!

Bill Brady, District 44. Bloomington Office -- (309)-664-4440 & Springfield Office -- (217) 782-6216

Chapin Rose, District 41. Mahomet Office -- (217)-607-1853 & Springfield Office—(217) 538-1006

Dale Righter, District 55. Mattoon Office – (217)-235-6033 & Springfield Office – (217) 782-6674

Home Delivered Meal Budget for FY 2016

i4a has launched a Home Delivered Meal Paper Plate Campaign to inform our legislators of the importance of maintaining Illinois General Revenue funds to support home delivered meals and community-based services.



HDM Paper Plate Campaign Message: *Dear General Assembly Member, I understand your commitment for a caring Illinois State Budget. This plate is in support of home delivered meals and community based-services – both cut this year – but needed more than ever!*

Paper plates have been signed by Home Delivered Meal Clients and will be distributed to the Illinois legislators noted above on Tuesday, June 16, 2015. A big **Thank You** to Peace Meal for their assistance in our advocacy efforts!

Illinois Community Care Program – AARP Advocacy to reverse proposed cuts!



The **Community Care Program (CCP)** provides a range of in-home services to enable seniors age 60 and over to live at home with dignity and independence. The Community Care Program saves the state money by reducing the need for much more expensive nursing home care.

Governor Rauner's proposed budget for FY 2016 would deny seniors access to needed in-home services by restricting eligibility to the Community Care Program. Those denied in-home services would have no recourse to receive alternative services, in part because the eligibility change will also make it harder to get into nursing homes. The group affected are the people least likely to ask for help and the most likely to die. Those in nursing homes who want to transition to the community may not be able to do so, which is a violation of their civil rights under the U.S. Supreme Court's Olmstead decision, which affirmed the right of people with disabilities to receive services in the most integrated setting consistent with their needs.

CCP Program Proposed Changes which will have an adverse effect on Illinois seniors: 1. Raising the Determination of Need (DON) score from 29 to 37 points; and, 2. Instituting Income Eligibility requirements at \$17,500 per individual and \$35,000 per couple.

Negative Impact: CCP services prevent premature institutionalization. The loss of CCP in-home care,

adult day and emergency home response services to 39,000 older adults will actually cost Illinois more due to an increase in hospital, healthcare and nursing home costs.

Please refer to the AARP CCP Active Client and Clients Impacted Chart on the next page. Lori Hendren, Associate State Director, Advocacy & Outreach of AARP has convened a collaborative advocacy group – **Illinois Alliance** - which includes advocates for Illinois seniors who represent Area Agencies on Aging, Illinois Care Coordination Units, In-Home Service Providers, Adult Day Service Providers, Alzheimer’s Association, Shriver Center on Poverty Law and many more organizations. The advocacy put forth by the *Illinois Alliance* is focused on reversing the proposed cuts to services to CCP clients.

AARP CCP ACTIVE CLIENT AND CLIENTS IMPACT CHART

Department on Aging's Planning and Service Area (PSA)	Counties Included	Active Clients	Total Impacted Clients	% Impacted
PSA 1	Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago	4,196	2,114	50.4%
PSA 2	DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will	10,172	4,319	42.5%
PSA 3	Bureau, Henderson, Henry, Knox, LaSalle, McDonough, Mercer, Putnam, Rock Island, and Warren	2,921	1,612	55.2%
PSA 4	Fulton, Marshall, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, and Woodford	610	311	51.0%
PSA 5	Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, McLean, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, Shelby, and Vermilion	3,857	1,999	51.8%
PSA 6	Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Hancock, Pike, and Schuyler	679	258	38.0%
PSA 7	Cass, Christian, Greene, Jersey, Logan, Macoupin, Mason, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Sangamon, and Scott	2,747	1,492	54.3%
PSA 8	Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, and Washington	3,947	1,715	43.5%
PSA 9	Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Jefferson, and Marion	1,477	792	53.6%
PSA 10	Crawford, Edwards, Hamilton, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, and White	1,096	513	46.8%
PSA 11	Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, and Williamson	2,885	1,670	57.9%
PSA 12	City of Chicago	54,947	17,805	32.4%
PSA 13	Suburban Cook County	14,957	5,115	34.2%
	Total	104,491	39,715	38.0%

Source: Illinois Council of Case Coordination Units



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