Overview: Older Adult Services Act
Public Act 093-1031 (Senate Bill 2880)

- Purpose of this Committee is to advise the Directors of IDoA, IDPA and IDPH on all matters related to this Act.
- IDoA, designated lead agency, will be responsible for appointing 32 members no later than 1/1/05 with each member serving a specific term.
- The Advisory Committee will meet at least quarterly and shall have an Executive Committee composed of 15 members.

- IDoA shall issue a Report to the General Assembly on 1/1/06 and every year thereafter on the progress made in complying with this Act.
- IDoA, IDPA and IDPH shall promulgate rules to implement this Act.
- IDoA shall develop and maintain an “Inventory of Services.”
- IDoA, IDPA and IDPH shall develop “Priority Service Areas” filed every 5 years beginning on 7/1/06.
- IDPH & IDPA shall annually document the estimated savings of the Nursing Home Conversion Program.

- By 1/1/05, IDoA shall commence in the process of restructuring older adult services. Specific responsibilities shall include:
  - Planning, which adopts the principle of “money follows the person” and the identification of potential impediments;
  - Comprehensive Case Management to be conducted statewide;
  - Coordinated Point of Entry using a uniform name, identity, logo and toll-free number;
  - Public Web site which links to available services and resources;
  - Expansion of older adult services to help older adults remain in their own homes;
  - Consumer-directed HCBS to maximize consumer choice;
  - Comprehensive delivery system which integrates acute and chronic care;
  - Family caregiver support strategies coordinating both public and private financing;
  - Workforce strategies which attract and retain a qualified worker pool;
  - Coordination of services to maximize resources and minimize duplication of services; and
  - Evaluation of current reimbursement and funding practices by IDoA to implement a uniform, audited provider cost-reporting system.

- Older Adult Services Demonstration Grants administered by IDoA to assist in the restructuring of the delivery system for older adults including at least one respite care project.
- Nursing Home Conversion Program administered by IDPH to provide incentive to reduce Medicaid-certified beds, retrofit and retool nursing home operations.
- Enhanced Transition Program administered by IDoA to help older adults from one residential setting to another regardless of residential setting.
- Department on Aging State Projects Fund shall be created to collect receipts from donations, grants, fees or taxes that may accrue and savings from the Nursing Home Conversion Program.
- Evaluation of demonstration grants shall be conducted by IDoA in collaboration with IDPH and IDPA.
- IDoA shall establish a core set of uniform quality standards for all providers that focus on outcomes.
- IDPA shall propose a plan to 1) contain Medicaid nursing home costs, 2) maximize Medicare utilization and 3) evaluate financing options for older adults with input from IDoA, IDPH and the Advisory Committee.
- IDoA shall develop a plan which identifies barriers and provides recommendations on the provision and availability of services.
- IDoA, IDPA and IDPH shall submit information to the Health Facilities Planning Board to update the Bed Need Methodology for Long-Term Care.

* Subject to funding availability

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