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NOTICED ACTION ITEMS

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Adopted Action

Chapter. 6	Summary. These amendments update modernize the notice provisions for an area plan public hearing, update the Web address, and make a technical change to the title of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program.			
Notice of Intended Action:				
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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 231.23, the Department on Aging proposes to amend Chapter 6, "Area Agency on Aging Planning and Administration," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments will do the following: 1. The amendments will modernize the notice requirements for area plan hearings. Under the current rule, Area Agencies on Aging are required to publish notice of hearing on an area plan in the newspaper of each county served by the Area Agency on Aging. The amended rule removes this requirement and instead requires Area Agencies on Aging to send notice to all known groups of older individuals, public officials, and other interested parties 14 business days prior to the public hearing and in accordance with any applicable state or federal laws and regulations governing the public hearing process. 2. The amendments will provide a current address for the Department's official Web site. 3. The amendments will correct reference to the name of Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. Under current rule, the program is incorrectly referred to as the Long-Term Care Resident's Advocate Program. 4. Add the service of options counseling to the current list of services that can be provided directly by an Area Agency on Aging without seeking prior approval from the Department. 5. Merge public hearing provisions in rules 6.2 and 6.12.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before December 29, 2015. Comments should be directed to Kimberly Murphy, Iowa Department on Aging, Jessie Parker Building, 510 East 12th Street, Suite 2, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to kimberly.murphy@iowa.gov.

These amendments do not provide for waivers in specified situations because requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions

found in Chapter 11, "Waivers or Variances from Administrative Rules."

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 231.23.

The following amendments are proposed:

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 231.23, the Department on Aging amends Chapter 6, "Area Agency on Aging Planning and Administration," Iowa Administrative Code.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule **6.2(7)** as follows:

6.2(7) Procedures for area plans, plan amendments and revisions.

a. Public hearing(s). The AAA shall hold at least one public hearing on the area plan and all plan amendments as required in this chapter. Priority services and direct service requests shall appear as a distinct agenda items for any hearing.

(1) The public hearing(s) shall be held prior to submission of the area plan or amendment(s) at a time which permits older individuals, public officials, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity to participate. The hearing(s) shall be held at a barrier-free, fully accessible location.

(2) The AAA shall ~~advertise~~ provide notice of the hearing by sending notice to all known groups of older individuals, PSA public officials, and other interested parties. ~~The AAA shall also publish a notice in the official newspapers as designated for each county served by the PSA.~~ The notice shall be issued 14 business days prior to the public hearing and include the time, date, and location of the public hearing. The AAA shall comply with any applicable state or federal laws and regulations governing public hearing processes and procedures.

(3) ~~The hearing on the area plan shall include the priority services and priority services requirement as a distinct agenda item with a specific time set for the beginning of that~~

~~portion of the hearing.~~ The AAA shall prepare and submit to the Department a written record of the public hearing in accordance with instructions issued by the Department.

b. Review and comment by the advisory council.

(1) The AAA shall submit the area plan, amendments and revisions for review and comment to the AAA advisory council.

(2) The official representative of the AAA shall sign the plan, amendment or revision to signify that the AAA has completed all of the requirements of this chapter. The AAA shall then submit the area plan, amendment or revision to the department for review.

ITEM 2. Amend rule **6.5** as follows:

17—6.5(231) AAA contact information. Information on how to contact the appropriate AAA office may be obtained by sending a request to the Department on Aging, Jessie Parker Building, 510 East 12th Street, Suite 2, Des Moines, Iowa 50319; or by telephone at (515)725-3333; or by visiting the department's Web site www.aging.iowa.gov www.iowaaging.gov.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule **6.6(2)(f)** as follows:

f. Coordinate planning by individuals, agencies and organizations interested in the prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation of older individuals and assist in implementation of educational and awareness activities, in coordination with the office of the state long-term care resident's advocate ombudsman program;

ITEM 4. Amend subrule **6.12(1)** as follows:

6.12(1) An AAA must submit a request to provide direct service as part of the area plan. The request may be approved by the department based on documentation of the criteria given in subrule 6.12(3). The following services may be furnished directly by the AAA and are exempt from the requirements in subrule 6.12(3):

- a.* Information and assistance;
- b.* Outreach;
- c.* Case management;
- d.* Advocacy representation;
- e.* Public education;
- f.* Employment services;
- g.* Mental health outreach;
- h.* Coordination of efforts concerning the prevention of elder abuse;;
- i.* Options Counseling.

ITEM 5. Rescind subrule **6.12(2)** and renumber as necessary.

~~**6.12(2) Public hearing.** Prior to the submission of the area plan, the AAA shall hold a public hearing to obtain comments regarding direct service(s) planned by the AAA. This hearing may be held separately or as a part of the hearing for the area plan.~~

~~*a.* Notice of the hearing shall be published at least 30 days prior to the hearing and shall specify the direct service(s) which the AAA plans to provide.~~

~~*b.* The AAA shall prepare and submit to the department a written record of the public hearing.~~