

## **PREFERENCE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEED**

REFERENCE: IAC 17 – 7.3(231)

### **POLICY:**

The Area Agency shall give preference in the delivery of services under the multi-year area plan to older persons with the greatest economic or social need with special emphasis on low-income minority and rural elders.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. To ensure that preference is given to elders with the greatest social and economic need, the Area Agency will, in each service delivered under the multiyear plan, serve elders with the following characteristics in proportion equal to or greater than the proportion residing in the planning and service area who have the same characteristics:
  - a. are disabled
  - b. are minorities
  - c. have incomes at or below the poverty level
  - d. are minorities with incomes at or below the poverty level
  - e. are aged 75 or over
  - f. residing in rural portions of the state
  - g. are frail
  - h. have limited English proficiency
  - i. have Alzheimer's disease and related disorders
  - j. are at risk of institutionalization
  - k. are American Indians, if a significant population exists
  - l. are isolated

2. Under Part II - Conditions Standard to all Contracts, Section 8.0, Contractors will be expected to maintain a plan to target services to this population. The plan is to be implemented throughout the contract period.

The targeting plan will include a narrative of the contractor's plans for reaching out to the target population groups and projections of the number of persons age 60 and over who will be served that;

- reside in rural areas,
- are minority individuals,
- have low incomes
- are isolated
- are minority individuals with low incomes,
- are 75 years of age or older.

The Area Agency will monitor and evaluate the implementation of the targeting plan in the regular review process. Contract funds may be withheld, and corrective action required if the contractor fails to implement the targeting plan.

The contractor shall make specific efforts to identify Native Americans, if a significant population lives within its services area. If located, such person should be informed of services available under the Older American Act. All efforts and the result shall be documented in writing.