

PROJECT 2020

Building on the Promise of Home and Community-Based Services

Section-by-Section Description

(S. 1257/H.R. 2852)

Project 2020 (S. 1257/H.R. 2852) amends the Social Security Act and builds on tested and proven strategies for delivering long-term services and supports to individuals in community settings. The bill has two sections.

Section 1

Names the Act – “Project 2020: Building on the Promise of Home and Community Based Services Act of 2009.”

Section 2

Amends the Social Security Act to add Title XXII—Long-Term Services and Supports. Title XXII is divided into four subtitles:

Subtitle A is titled State Single-Entry Point System Program;

Subtitle B is titled Healthy Living Program;

Subtitle C is titled Diversion Programs; and

Subtitle D is titled Administration, Evaluation, and Technical Assistance.

Subtitle A: State Single Entry Point System Program is Section 2211 of the Act

Description

This subtitle describes the single entry point system that builds on the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) model that 45 states have tested. These states have tested the ADRC model in one or more regions of the state, but without the funding in this legislation, states do not have the resources to take the model statewide.

Definitions

This subtitle defines long-term services and supports to include any service, care or item intended to help individuals carry out activities of daily living and furnished in a home, community care setting or long-term care facility. It further provides that services to diagnose, treat or cure a medical condition are not a part of long-term services and supports.

It also defines the single-entry point system including the components of the coordinated system of providing information for consumers and caregivers about the array of public and private long-term services and supports.

It directs the U.S. Assistant Secretary on Aging, through the Administration on Aging, to establish a single point of entry system across the states by providing grants to states that apply and demonstrate competence.

Allotments

Allotments are made for Indian Tribes and the Territories as well as allotments to the states. The allotments to the states provide for subgrants to area agencies on aging, or other qualified aging network or disability entities if the area agency on aging does not apply for the grant or is not able to demonstrate competence to participate. Area agencies on aging shall also make necessary subgrants to community partners, such as disability service providers.

Grant Application

In applying for a grant each state must consult with its area agencies on aging and other stakeholders before submitting the grant application. The application must include the state's plan for delivering the services, including all relevant stakeholders in the planning and delivery of services, collecting and managing data and evaluating the effectiveness of the program.

This subtitle also provides the process for continuation of the grant.

Funding

Funding is described including the federal share and the state match for the single entry point system which is 75 percent federal and 25

percent state match. The source of the funding and the specific amounts for each year 2010 through 2020 are included.

Subtitle B: *Relates to the Healthy Living Program and is Numbered Section 2221.*

Description

Section 2221 is the Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Programs.

This subtitle establishes the healthy living program building on the evidence-based health promotion and disease prevention programs that the aging network has also piloted. The Administration on Aging would award grants based on applications for programs that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have sanctioned including falls prevention programs and the Stanford Model Programs that have been peer reviewed.

Allotments

Allotments are made for Indian Tribes and the Territories as well as allotments to the states. The allotments to the states provide for subgrants to area agencies on aging, or other qualified aging network entities if the area agency on aging does not apply for the grant or is not able to demonstrate competence to participate.

Grant Application

In applying for a grant each state must consult with its area agencies on aging and other stakeholders before submitting the grant application. The application must include the state's plan for delivering the services, including all relevant stakeholders in the planning and delivery of services, collecting and managing data and evaluating the effectiveness of the program.

This subtitle also provides the process for continuation of the grant.

Funding

This subtitle also sets out the specific uses of the funds to carry out an evidence-based chronic disease self-management program, a falls prevention program or another evidence-based disease prevention and health promotion program. The funding for this subtitle includes a federal share at 85 percent and the state matching requirement,

which is 15 percent. Funding amounts are specified for years 2010 through 2020.

Subtitle C: Describes the Diversion Programs and is Numbered Section 2231.

Description

Section 2231 is the Enhanced Nursing Home Diversion Programs

This section is aimed at individuals who need long-term services and supports, qualify for nursing home care and are at risk of spending down to Medicaid eligibility. This subtitle targets individuals who want to stay in the community and helps them to stretch their resources longer to delay or avoid spend down to Medicaid eligibility, saving the federal and state government money. This subtitle defines “low-income senior” and “nursing home.”

This subtitle builds on the nursing home diversion grants that 20 states have piloted. This subtitle establishes the diversion program and the roll out of the program to the states in waves over a three-year period to allow time for states to ramp up.

Allotments

Allotments are made for Indian Tribes and the Territories as well as allotments to the states. The allotments to the states provide for subgrants to area agencies on aging, or other qualified aging network entities if the area agency on aging does not apply for the grant or is not able to demonstrate competence to participate.

Grant Application

In applying for a grant each state must consult with its area agencies on aging and other stakeholders before submitting the grant application. The application must include the state’s plan for delivering the services, including all relevant stakeholders in the planning and delivery of services, collecting and managing data and evaluating the effectiveness of the program.

This subtitle also provides the process for continuation of the grant.

Funding

This subtitle also sets out the specific uses of the funds to enable eligible individuals to avoid nursing home placement, awarding subgrants to area agencies on aging or other entities, providing for case management services, and developing a care plan including the option of consumer directed care. It sets out who are the eligible individuals for the program.

This provision details the federal and state share for this subtitle. The federal share will be different for each state because it is based on the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for the state plus five percent. The funding for years 2010 through 2020 is included in the legislation.

Subtitle D is the Administration, Evaluation and Technical Assistance component and is numbered Section 2241.

As the aging network has piloted these initiatives, it has collected data and reported outcomes back to the Administration on Aging. Built into this legislation is an evaluation component both for continuation of the grant and for the Administration on Aging to report to Congress. The aging network believes in accountability and transparency. This legislation reflects that commitment.

This section spells out the funding to the area agencies on aging, the state agencies and the Administration on Aging for administration for the three components—administration, evaluation and technical assistance. The source of funds for the activities under this subtitle of the bill is noted. Also included is the direction that the funds will be available until expended.

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