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PROGRAM MEMO

CDA 1014 (Rev. 02/14)

TO: Area Agency on Aging Directors and Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program Managers		NO.: PM 15-04(P)
SUBJECT: HICAP Guidance for Area Agencies on Aging on Area Plan Service Units for State and Federal Performance Measures		DATE ISSUED: March 24, 2015
		EXPIRES:
REFERENCES: PM 15-03 (P) Area Plan Update Guidance for the State Fiscal Year 2015-2016		SUPERSEDES: PM 14-08 (P)
PROGRAMS AFFECTED:	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Title III-B <input type="checkbox"/> Title III-C1/C2 <input type="checkbox"/> Title III-D <input type="checkbox"/> Title III-E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title VII <input type="checkbox"/> Title V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HICAP <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

Purpose

This Program Memo provides guidance for completing Section 10 of the Area Plan Update for the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Service Unit Plan for State and Federal performance measures.

Background

In Fiscal Year 2014, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) was transferred from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to the Administration for Community Living (ACL). ACL has continued CMS' policy of establishing minimum attainment thresholds and exemplary performance benchmarks based on Medicare population density. Based on this density, areas around the country are divided into different "slices" and performance measures are computed for each slice.

Beginning with Grant Year 2014-2015, ACL revised the SHIP basic discretionary funding methodology and recommended using the established minimum attainment thresholds for demonstrating improved performance for each slice.

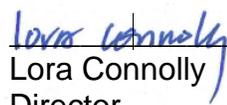
Guidance

Based on ACL guidelines, the California Department of Aging (CDA) is providing State (1.1 and 1.2), and Federal (2.1 through 2.7) performance measures. To download these measures and view definitions, visit <https://www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/AAA/Planning/>.

The State and Federal performance measures include both minimum attainment thresholds and exemplary performance benchmarks for each program service area. **Please use the minimum attainment thresholds for completing the SFY15/16 Area Plan Update HICAP Service Unit Plan.**

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Requirement	As directed by ACL, CDA requires AAAs to ensure local HICAPs meet or exceed minimum attainment thresholds for the SFY 15-16 APU HICAP SUP for State performance measures 1.1 and 1.2 and Federal performance measures 2.1 through 2.7.
Due Date	Your Area Plan Update is due to CDA May 1, 2015.
Inquires	Please contact your assigned CDA HICAP analyst if you have any questions.



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