MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT (MIPPA) CONTRACT MI-2324 ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY

The purpose of this document is to outline the methodology used to allocate the Federal funds for the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Contract MI-2324.

Funding for the MIPPA program comes from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) Federal grant funds in three priority areas: Priority Area 1 – State Health Insurance Programs (SHIPs), Priority Area 2 – Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), and Priority Area 3 – Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). In California, the SHIP is called the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP).

Local assistance funds from the 2324 MIPPA grants are allocated to provide MIPPA services in 31 Planning and Service Areas (PSA) in California. Each PSA has a designated AAA. However, 24 of these AAAs manage HICAP program services in at least their own or additional adjoining PSAs.

The Department is allocating \$2,378,230 in local assistance funds to the AAAs who choose to participate in the 2324 MIPPA grants. The grant funds for the three priority areas are allocated as follows:

- <u>Priority Area 1 MIPPA SHIP funds:</u> \$1,070,817 in local assistance funds are allocated on a two-step process.
 - 50 percent of the local assistance MIPPA SHIP funds are allocated equally on a straight-line basis.
 - The remaining 50 percent of local assistance funds are allocated using the most current weighted Medicare eligible beneficiary factors obtained from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- <u>Priority Area 2 MIPPA AAA funds:</u> \$988,727 in local assistance funds are allocated using the weighted non-minority, minority, low-income and geographic isolation factors from the Intrastate Funding Formula.
- <u>Priority Area 3 MIPPA ADRC funds:</u> \$318,686 in local assistance funds are allocated to the managing AAAs with ADRC counties using the following weighted population factors:
 - o Population-All Ages, given a weight of 1.0
 - Square Miles, given a weight of 2.0
 - Geographic Isolation/Rural-All Ages, given a weight of 3.5