

MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT CONTRACT MI-1718 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-1718.

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 2017 MIPPA grants are allocated to provide MIPPA services in 33 Planning and Service Areas (PSA) in California. Each PSA has a designated AAA. However, 25 of these AAAs manage HICAP program services in their own and at least one adjoining PSA.

Local assistance funds for the MI-1718 contract are comprised of the unspent funds balance from the MI-1517 contract and the new 2017 MIPPA grants.

\$179,171, the unspent balance from the MI-1517 contract, is allocated to the respective managing AAAs.

\$1,465,911 in local assistance funds are allocated to the AAAs who choose to participate in the 2017 MIPPA grants. The grant funds for the three priority areas are allocated as follows:

- Priority Area 1 – MIPPA SHIP funds: \$851,414 in local assistance funds are allocated on a two-step process.
 - 50% of the local assistance MIPPA SHIP funds are allocated equally on a straight line basis.
 - The remaining 50% 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).
- Priority Area 2 – MIPPA AAA funds: \$470,598 in local assistance funds are allocated using the weighted non-minority, minority, low-income and geographic isolation factors from the Intrastate Funding Formula.
- Priority Area 3 – MIPPA ADRC funds: \$143,899 in local assistance funds are allocated to the managing AAAs with ADRC counties using the most current Medicare eligible beneficiary factors for the ADRC counties obtained from CMS.