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PROGRAM MEMO

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TO: Area Agencies on Aging Directors	NO.: PM 12-10(P)
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Purpose

The purpose of this Program Memo (PM) is to provide guidance to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) on the new Title IIID Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Program (Title IIID) requirements.

Background

On February 16, 2012, the California Department of Aging (CDA) received notice that federal fiscal year (FFY) 2012 Congressional appropriations require that Older Americans Act (OAA) Title IIID funding be used only for programs and activities which have been demonstrated to be evidence-based.

To guide states and AAAs in implementing these new requirements, the Administration on Aging (AoA) established a tiered set of criteria for defining OAA evidence-based interventions. Title IIID activities must fall within any of the following three tiers of criteria:

- Minimal Criteria:
 - Demonstrated through evaluation to be effective for improving the health and wellbeing or reducing disease, disability and/or injury among older adults; *and*
 - Ready for translation, implementation, and/or broad dissemination by community-based organizations using appropriately credentialed practitioners.

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- Intermediate Criteria:
 - Published in a peer-reviewed journal;
 - Proven effective with the older adult population, using some form of a control condition (e.g. pre-post study, case control design, etc.); *and*
 - Some basis in translation for implementation by a community level organization.

- Highest-level Criteria:
 - Undergone experimental or quasi-experimental design;
 - Full translation has occurred in a community site; *and*
 - Dissemination products have been developed and are available to the public.

On March 13, 2012, CDA sent an e-mail to AAAs informing them of the new OAA Title IIID requirements and referring them to AoA's Title IIID web page for additional information. On March 29, 2012, CDA held two mandatory webinars for AAAs during which it reviewed the new Title IIID requirements, including the new evidence-based criteria and examples of appropriate evidence-based programs. On April 5, 2012, CDA held an additional conference call with AAAs to ensure that all AAAs had received information on implementing the new Title IIID requirements and had the opportunity to ask questions.

On these occasions, CDA also informed AAAs that:

- New Title IIID requirements apply to FFY 2012 funds.
- Multi-year contracts for Title IIID services which began prior to FFY 2012 might have to be amended to ensure funded activities meet at least the minimal evidence-based criteria.
- The State fiscal year (FY) 2012-2016 Area Plan would require updating if Title IIID activities did not meet the minimal criteria for evidence-based programs.
- Medication Management is no longer required as a separate service category.
- Medication Management is an allowable activity, if it meets the minimal evidence-based criteria.

Requirements All Title IIID programs must meet AoA's criteria for evidence-based activities, at least at the minimal level. Each AAA is responsible for evaluating and documenting that its Title IIID activities meet these criteria.

Requirements,
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For each category below, AAAs must ensure that:

Contract

- All contracts and subcontracts are for activities that meet at least the minimal evidence-based criteria for Title IIID programs.
- All Requests for Proposals (RFP) and subcontracts include the new definitions of eligible evidence-based programs.

Area Plan

- All planned Title IIID activities described in the AAA's FY 2012-16 Area Plan meet at least the minimal criteria for evidence-based programs. By September 30, 2012, AAAs must amend the following sections of their Area Plan as necessary to reflect that all planned Title IIID activities meet AoA's evidence-based criteria, at least at the minimal level.
 - Section 9 of the Area Plan Narrative Goals and Objectives
 - Section 10 Service Unit Plan Objectives

NOTE: AAAs need not make changes to their FY 2012-2016 Area Plans if their planned goals, objectives, and service units already meet AoA's minimal criteria for Title IIID evidence-based activities.

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- Budget all Area Plan Title IIID activities on page 10 in the Title IIID Section.
- Budget Medication Management as a Title IIID Health Promotion activity.

Data

- Report all FY 2012-13 Title IIID activities, including Medication Management, under the Health Promotion service category.

Resources

The following resources provide additional information on implementing evidence-based programs.

- AoA Title IIID evidence-based criteria and program examples: http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/HPW/Title_IIID/index.aspx
- National Council on Aging evidence-based program information: <http://www.ncoa.org/improve-health/center-for-healthy-aging/about-evidence-based-programs.html>

Resources,
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- CDA's list of resources for evidence-based programs:
http://www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/AAA/Docs/2012/Title_IIID_Evidence_Based_Program_Resources.pdf
- CDA's Area Plan Guidance:
<http://www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/AAA/Planning/>

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