

A photograph of a woman with dark hair in a braid, wearing a teal shirt, and a young boy in a teal shirt, both laughing and embracing each other in a grassy park with trees in the background. The image is partially covered by a white diagonal overlay on the left side where the text is located.

New HHS Council Duties Relating to Aging and Disability Services

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HHS Council Aging and Disability Services Duties

1. HF 2673 (90th Gen. Assemb.), Section 141, reassigned duties of the former Commission on Aging to HHS Council.
2. New duties include:
 - Make recommendations to the department regarding approval of the State Plan
 - Recommend policies to coordinate state activities and programs
 - Serve as an effective and visible advocate by recommending policies which affect older individuals and individuals with disabilities
 - Make recommendations to ensure the department takes the viewpoints of older individuals and individuals with disabilities when developing policy
 - Recommend policies and measures to ensure service provision preference is given to individuals with the greatest economic or social needs, with particular attention to low-income minority individuals, individuals with limited English proficiency, and individuals residing in rural areas
 - Recommend policies that support AAA and ADRC capabilities to serve individuals experiencing Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

HHS Council Aging and Disability Services Duties

Duty	Timeframe
Offer recommendations to the department regarding approval of new 4-year or amended State Plan on Aging	February (2028) As needed for plan amendments
Recommendations to ensure policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate state activities and programs.• Incorporate older individuals' and individuals with disabilities views.• Serve individuals with greatest economic need and greatest social need.• Serve individuals experiencing Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.	Every February, when policies are reviewed and updated.

When is an amendment required? (45 CFR 1321.31)

- ▶ New or revised statutes or regulations as determined;
- ▶ An addition, deletion, or change to a State's goal, assurance, or information requirement statement;
- ▶ (3) A change in the State's Funding formula or funds distribution plan;
- ▶ (4) A request to waive State Plan requirements;
- ▶ (5) Other changes as required by guidance as set forth by the ASA.
- ▶ (b) (1) A significant change in a State law, organization, policy, or SUA operation;
- ▶ (2) A change in the name or organizational placement of the SUA;
- ▶ (3) Distribution of State Plan administration funds for demonstration projects;
- ▶ (4) A change in PSA designation;
- ▶ (5) A change in AAA designation;
- ▶ (6) Exercising of major disaster declaration flexibilities, as set forth in 45 CFR § 1321.101.



Questions

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