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Updates from the Division of Aging and Adult Services

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Budget Impact for DAAS - Aging

• Reduces the General Fund appropriation for the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) by $969,549 on a recurring basis
• Provides a nonrecurring $100,00 appropriation for Senior Center capital projects
• Requires DAAS to develop a Strategic Plan for Alzheimer’s disease
• Reinstates the Volunteer Development Program as a service category under the HCCBG
DAAS Budget Impact Continued – CARES Contract

- Reduces SSBG funding for UNC CARES contract from $229,376 to $57,344 thus eliminating all training events conducted under this contract
DAAS Budget Impact Continued – Special Assistance Program Changes

- Amends G.S. 108A-41(b)(3)-Eligibility
  - Effective November 1, 2014 eliminates the option for an individual to move to NC to join a “close” relative as a means of obtaining residency
- Potentially changes the SA income threshold to 100% of the FPL subject to approval by CMS
  - If approved by CMS, SA income threshold drops to 100% of FPL 30 days after CMS approval
  - Approximately 5,200 individuals over 100% of FPL are “grandfathered” to retain SA and Medicaid eligibility
  - If not approved by CMS, no changes to SA income threshold
• Requires DHHS to submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment to CMS to delink SA from automatic eligibility for Medicaid if the Medicaid Contingency Reserve is depleted
DAAS Budget Impact Continued – Legislative Required Plans

• Requires DHHS/DAAS to collaborate with the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop a plan for investigating complaints about wards served by publically funded guardians

• Requires DAAS to consult with stakeholders to develop a model plan for transitioning wards to alternative guardianship arrangements when the guardian of the person is unwilling/unable to serve with a focus on ways to prevent appointments going to publically funded guardians

• Both plans are due to Legislative Oversight Committee by October 1, 2014
DAAS Budget Impact Continued – Status Reports

• Amends G.S. 35A-1242-Status Reports for Incompetent Adults

• Status reports will now include information on the guardian’s efforts to restore competency; to seek alternatives to guardianship; recommendations for implementing a more limited guardianship

• Clerks must make status reports submitted by corporations and county DSSs available to the Director of DAAS

• DAAS must review status reports as part of regular oversight of these categories of guardians