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SUBJECT: OAA Title III-E Caregivers

CONTENT: This is guidance regarding the two different types of caregivers recognized by the Older Americans Act Title III-E: Family Caregivers and Older Relative Caregivers.

Family Caregivers

Family Caregivers are adult family members, or other individuals, who are informal providers of in-home and community care to an older individual or to an individual with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction. **See OAA Sec. 302(3)**

This means that the caregiver is caring for an older individual who is age 60 or over or for an individual who may be under 60, with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

Older Relative Caregivers

Caregivers age 55 or older who are caring for a child (age 18 or under) and:

- (A) lives with the child, is the informal provider of in-home and community care to, and is the primary caregiver for the child;
- (B) is the grandparent, step grandparent, or other relative (other than the parent) by blood, marriage, or adoption, of the child;
- (C) is the primary caregiver of the child because the biological or adoptive parents are unable or unwilling to serve as the primary caregivers of the child; and
- (D) have a legal relationship to the child, as such legal custody or guardianship,

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or is raising the child informally. **See OAA Sec. 372 (a)(3)**

Caregivers age 55 or older who are caring for an individual (age 18-59) with a disability as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and:

- (A) lives with the individual, is the informal provider of in-home and community care to, and is the primary caregiver for the individual;
- (B) is the parent, grandparent, or other relative by blood, marriage, or adoption, of the individual with a disability. **See OAA Sec. 372 (a)(3)**

III-E Respite and Supportive Services Eligibility

In order to be eligible for respite or supportive services, the care receiver must be unable to perform at least two activities of daily living without substantial human assistance or experience a cognitive impairment that requires substantial supervision because the individual behaves in a way that poses a serious health or safety hazard to the individual or to another individual. **See OAA Sec. 373(c)(1)(B) and Sec. 102 (22)(A) and (B).**

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