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**DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** 



## PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

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TO: Sub-recipients of the State Unit on Aging

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**SUBJECT:** Non-SUA Funding/Programs

**CONTENT:** Prior to SFY 24 (July 1, 2023), the State Unit on Aging (SUA) allowed additional aging network clients, service units, and funding reporting from other sources (called Non-SUA

Funding/Programs). This provided a better picture of Nebraska's aging network and how older Nebraskans were supported. Non-SUA Funding/Programs include, but are not

limited to:

1. Title XX (Social Services Block Grant or SSBG)

2. Med-Waiver (AD-Waiver)

3. Title 481 (Title II or Community Services Block Grant or CSBG)

For example, a Home-Delivered Meals program can use SUA funds (Title III C2, CASA, etc.). It can also serve clients that qualify for other programs, such as Title XX or Med-Waiver. As long as Non-SUA Funding was listed on Form A's Row 11 (Title XX/ Medicaid), client and service unit information could be reported in the SUA's aging software system. However, this braided-together approach does not adequately distinguish funding sources and contradicts Uniform Grants Guidance (UGG).

Beginning July 1, 2023, the AAAs should no longer report non-SUA Funding/Program information to the SUA. This PI provides further guidance on specific changes with Non-SUA Funding/Programs related to budgets, how these changes impact programs, and the data collection/reporting process.

This PI includes job aids to provide task-specific instructions associated with portions of this process.

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**Budget:** Row 11 (Title XX/Medicaid) was previously removed from the SFY 24 budget to comply with Uniform Grants Guidance.

**Programs**: Programs that solely utilize non-SUA funding sources are not required to be addressed with service narratives or in Area Plans. For services such as Nutrition Services that are funded by the SUA as well as funds through other entities (Medicaid Waiver, Title XX, etc.), only a description of how the service is operated with SUA funds needs to be addressed.

The State Unit on Aging only monitors programs that are funded by the SUA, however, this may include gathering information sufficient to ensure that service units are not duplicated and that the general needs of older adults are met. Part of this process will involve providing a checklist for each AAA to complete with annual monitoring. The SUA will request the AAA to make note of agency services, such as Home-Delivered or Congregate meals, that are provided with separate or multiple funding sources.

## **Data Collection:**

This change begins July 1, 2023 (SFY 24). Non-SUA Funding/Program clients and service units should **not** be entered into PeerPlace.

## This prevents:

- 1. Duplication of services reported to a federal Health & Human Services agency.
- 2. Under-reporting expenditures compared to service units.
- 3. Unnecessary sharing of client data.

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