



PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

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TO: Sub-recipients of the State Unit on Aging

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SUBJECT: Requirements for Private Pay Programs

CONTENT: Area agencies on aging and service providers may provide private pay programs, subject to State and/or area agency policies and procedures. Area agencies on aging and service providers under the Older Americans Act that establish private pay programs must develop policies and procedures to:

(1) Promote equity, fairness, inclusion, and adherence to the requirements of the Act, including:

- (i) Meeting conflict of interest requirements;
- (ii) Meeting financial accountability requirements;
- (iii) Prohibiting use of funds for direct services under Title III to support provision of service via private pay programs, except as a part of routine information and assistance or case management referrals; and

(2) Require that persons who receive information about private pay programs and who are eligible for services provided with Title III funds in the planning and service area be made aware of Title III-funded and any similar voluntary contributions-based service options, even if there is a waiting list for those services, on an initial and periodic basis to allow individuals to determine whether they will select voluntary contributions-based services or private pay programs.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the SUA at 402-471-2307 or via email at DHHS.Aging@nebraska.gov.

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