

PROJECT 2020

Building on the Promise of Home and Community-Based Services

Brief Overview

(S. 1257/H.R. 2852)

The National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA) and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), conscious of the financial pressures facing states and the federal government, have developed a coordinated national long-term care strategy that will generate savings in Medicaid and Medicare at the federal and state levels while enabling older adults and individuals with disabilities to get the support they need to successfully age where they want to—in their own home and community.

The three-pronged elements of *Project 2020*, also introduced as S. 1257/H.R. 2852, include:

1. **Person-Centered Access to Information**
2. **Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion**
3. **Enhanced Nursing Home Diversion Services**

For the long-term care strategies and solutions proposed, n4a and NASUA are seeking funding to support federal outlays of \$2.5 billion over the next five years to be administered through the Aging Services Network of State and Area Agencies on Aging.

For consumers, this program will empower individuals to make informed decisions and to better conserve and extend their own resources using lower cost evidence-based programs, including consumer-directed options for care in the community.

According to our initial estimates, the program has the potential to **reach over 40 million Americans** and will **reduce federal Medicaid and Medicare costs by approximately \$2.8 billion** over the first five years of the initial investment requested, resulting in a net savings to the federal government of nearly \$250 million.



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The program would also generate significant savings for state governments. Financial performance is expected to improve in years five through ten of the program, as all systems reach full scale operations nationally, with the ***net federal savings over ten years reaching over \$1.1 billion.***

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Components of Program	Targeted Recipients	Estimated Number of Recipients (5 years)	Estimated Federal Savings (5 years)	Estimated Number of Recipients (10 years)	Estimated Federal Savings (10 years)
Person-Centered Access to Information	Provides information to anyone interested in long-term care	39.6 million	\$535.1 million	105.3 million	\$1.69 billion
Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	Targets scientifically proven interventions to reduce chronic disease and disability to affected elderly individuals	1.2 million	\$392.4 million	4.1 million	\$1.51 billion
Enhanced Nursing Home Diversion Services	Provides consumer-directed community care to individuals at 300% SSI with approximately \$25,000 in assets	124,196	\$1.86 billion	171,755	\$8.44 billion
Total Number Served		41 million		110 million	
Total Federal Savings			\$2.787 billion		\$11.65 billion
Total Federal Outlays (includes administration and technical assistance costs)			\$2.546 billion		\$10.50 billion
Total Federal Net Savings			\$241 million		\$1.14 billion

Based on calculations prepared by The Lewin Group, April 2009.