

## State Plan Guidance Regarding Title VI/III Coordination

The OAA emphasizes Title VI and Title III coordination of services that are provided within the Title VI service area. Coordination is key in avoiding duplication of services and maximizing available resources for everyone. The statutory provisions related to coordination are found in the following sections of the OAA and may be addressed in your state plans (e.g., as an objective, strategy, etc.), policy and procedures manuals and/or area plan formats:

1. Sec. 306(a)(11)(B): Each Area Agency on Aging plan shall provide information and assurance concerning services to older individuals who are Native American, including an assurance that the Area Agency on Aging will, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate the services the agency provides under this title with services provided under Title VI.
2. Sec. 307(a)(21)(A): The State plan shall provide an assurance that the State agency will coordinate programs under this title and programs under Title VI, if applicable.

Additionally, the following provisions in Title III apply to specific consideration, outreach efforts, access and assurances for Tribal organizations and all Native Americans, both within and outside Title VI service areas. These include:

- Sec. 306 Area Plans: (a)(1) each area plan shall provide, through a comprehensive and coordinated system, for supportive services, nutrition services, and, where appropriate, for the establishment, maintenance, or construction of multipurpose senior centers, within the planning and service area covered by the plan, including determining the extent of need for supportive services, nutrition services, and multipurpose senior centers in such area (taking into consideration, among other things, the number of older individuals who are Indians residing in such areas), evaluating the effectiveness of the use of resources in meeting such need, and entering into agreements with providers of supportive services, nutrition services, or multipurpose senior centers in such area, for the provision of such services or center to meet such need.
- Sec 306 Area Plans: (b)(3) an area agency on aging (AAA), in cooperation with governmental officials, State agencies, tribal organizations, or local entities, may make recommendations to government officials in the planning and service area and the State, on actions determined by the AAA to build the capacity in the planning and service area to meet the needs of older individuals for health and human services, land use, housing, transportation, public safety, workforce and economic development, recreation, education, civic engagement, emergency preparedness, and any other service as determined by such agency.
- Sec. 306 Area plans: (a)(6)(G) if there is a significant population of older individuals who are Indians in the planning and service area of the AAA, the AAA shall conduct outreach activities to identify such individuals in such area and shall inform such individuals of the availability of assistance under this Act.
- Sec 306 Area plans: (a)(11) provide information and assurances concerning services to older individuals who are Native Americans including: (A) information concerning whether there is a significant population of older Native Americans in the planning and service area and if so, an assurance that the AAA will pursue activities, including

outreach, to increase access of those older Native Americans to programs and benefits provided under this title; (B) an assurance that the AAA will, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate the services the agency provides under this title with services provided under title VI; and (C) an assurance that the AAA will make services under the area plan available, to the same extent as such services are available to older individuals within the planning and service area, to older Native Americans.

- Sec 307 State plans: (a)(21)(B) provide an assurance that the State agency will pursue activities to increase access by older individuals who are Native Americans to all aging programs and benefits provided by the agency, including programs and benefits provided under this title, if applicable, and specify the ways in which the State agency intends to implement the activities.
- Sec. 307 State plans: (a)(24) the plan shall provide assurance that the State will coordinate public services within the State to assist older individuals to obtain transportation services associated with access to services provided under this title, to services under title VI, to comprehensive counseling services, and to legal assistance.

In addition to the specific targeting language in Title III for tribes, Native Americans and Title VI, there are many other references to rural, low income, and limited English speaking older individuals. Most Tribal elders are low income and live in rural areas. Many are limited English speaking. Therefore, it is important for all states, not just those with Title VI grantees, to develop strategies for addressing the needs of Native American elders.

Examples of Title VI/III coordination may be found in current State plans:

Washington State Plan on Aging beginning on page 134

[http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/Professional/documents/state\\_plan\\_on\\_aging.pdf](http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/Professional/documents/state_plan_on_aging.pdf)

Colorado State Plan on Aging beginning on page 29

<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/aas/PDFs/SUASStatePlanonAging.pdf>

New Mexico State Plan on Aging beginning at page 23

[http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/pdf\\_files/2005-2009StatePlan.pdf](http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/pdf_files/2005-2009StatePlan.pdf)

### **Additional Resources**

National Resource Center on Native American Aging (NRCNAA)

<http://ruralhealth.und.edu/projects/nrcnaa/>

National Resource Center for American Indian, Alaska Native  
& Native Hawaiian Elders

<http://elders.uaa.alaska.edu/>

National Resource Center for Native Hawaiian Elders

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/hakupuna>