

AOA NURSING HOME DIVERSION MODERNIZATION GRANT - MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with the Area Agencies on Aging and Minnesota Department of Human Services was awarded an 18-month \$500,000 grant (November 2007-June 2009) from the Administration on Aging to formalize a nursing home diversion program for Title III, Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grant, or any other non-Medical Assistance (MA) funding.

- Grants were issued to 12 State Units on Aging who are collaborating with AAAs and community service providers to modernize and *transform* Title III funds, the Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grants, or other private pay (e.g., non-Medicaid) revenue into flexible service dollars. Projects will determine how to divert persons at-risk of nursing home and/or assisted living placement (i.e., target market) and how to use community-based consumer-directed options.
- AOA's long-range vision is to establish nursing home diversion programs (NHDP) that can demonstrate a savings to Medicaid.
- Minnesota's project will pilot-test new ways to target, triage, and support the private pay target market and facilitate the purchasing of customized LTC help and/or access to traditional home and community-based services.
- Project Partners: Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging, Central Minnesota Council on Aging
- Grant Deliverables:
 - Pilot-test of newly developed evidence-based, Minnesota-tested targeting criteria and process (Dr. Joseph Gaugler, University of Minnesota, technical advisor)
 - Pilot-test of flexible service options designed for target market
 - Expansion of consumer-directed infrastructure (e.g., fiscal management, person-centered support planning assistance, information, education) to support target market
 - Development of evaluation and quality assurance mechanism for pilot-test experience
 - Projected number of persons served in pilot-test by June, 2009: 600

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