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**Sec. 321 OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 80**

**PART B—SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND SENIOR CENTERS**

**PROGRAM AUTHORIZED**

SEC. 321. (a) The Assistant Secretary shall carry out a program

for making grants to States under State plans approved

under section 307 for any of the following supportive services:

(1) health (including mental and behavioral health), education

and training, welfare, informational, recreational, homemaker,

counseling, referral, chronic condition self-care management,

or falls prevention services;

(2) transportation services to facilitate access to supportive

services or nutrition services, and services provided by an area

agency on aging, in conjunction with local transportation service

providers, public transportation agencies, and other local

government agencies, that result in increased provision of such

transportation services for older individuals;

(3) services designed to encourage and assist older individuals

to use the facilities and services (including information

and assistance services) available to them, including language

translation services to assist older individuals with limited-

English speaking ability to obtain services under this title;

(4) services designed (A) to assist older individuals to obtain

adequate housing, including residential repair and renovation

projects designed to enable older individuals to maintain

their homes in conformity with minimum housing standards;

(B) to adapt homes to meet the needs of older individuals who

have physical disabilities; (C) to prevent unlawful entry into

residences of older individuals, through the installation of security

devices and through structural modifications or alterations

of such residences; or (D) to assist older individuals in obtaining

housing for which assistance is provided under programs of

the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

(5) services designed to assist older individuals in avoiding

institutionalization and to assist individuals in long-term care

institutions who are able to return to their communities, including—

(A) client assessment, case management services, and

development and coordination of community services;

(B) supportive activities to meet the special needs of

caregivers, including caretakers who provide in-home services

to frail older individuals; and

(C) in-home services and other community services, including

home health, homemaker, shopping, escort, reader,

and letter writing services, to assist older individuals to

live independently in a home environment;

(6) services designed to provide to older individuals legal

assistance and other counseling services and assistance, including—

(A) tax counseling and assistance, financial counseling,

and counseling regarding appropriate health and life insurance

coverage;

(B) representation—

(i) of individuals who are wards (or are allegedly

incapacitated); and

(ii) in guardianship proceedings of older individuals

who seek to become guardians, if other adequate

representation is unavailable in the proceedings; and

(C) provision, to older individuals who provide uncompensated

care to their adult children with disabilities, of

counseling to assist such older individuals with permanency

planning for such children;

(7) services designed to enable older individuals to attain

and maintain physical and mental well-being through programs

of regular physical activity, exercise, music therapy, art

therapy, and dance-movement therapy;

(8) services designed to provide health screening (including

mental and behavioral health screening and falls prevention

services screening) to detect or prevent (or both) illnesses and

injuries that occur most frequently in older individuals;

(9) services designed to provide, for older individuals, preretirement

counseling and assistance in planning for and assessing

future post-retirement needs with regard to public and

private insurance, public benefits, lifestyle changes, relocation,

legal matters, leisure time, and other appropriate matters;

(10) services of an ombudsman at the State level to receive,

investigate, and act on complaints by older individuals

who are residents of long-term care facilities and to advocate

for the well-being of such individuals;

(11) provision of services and assistive devices (including

provision of assistive technology services and assistive technology

devices) which are designed to meet the unique needs

of older individuals who are disabled, and of older individuals

who provide uncompensated care to their adult children with

disabilities;

(12) services to encourage the employment of older workers,

including job and second career counseling and, where appropriate,

job development, referral, and placement, and including

the coordination of the services with programs administered

by or receiving assistance from the Department of

Labor, including programs carried out under the Workforce Innovation

and Opportunity Act;

(13) crime prevention services and victim assistance programs

for older individuals;

(14) a program, to be known as ‘‘Senior Opportunities and

Services’’, designed to identify and meet the needs of low-income

older individuals in one or more of the following areas:

(A) development and provision of new volunteer services; (B)

effective referral to existing health (including mental and behavioral

health), employment, housing, legal, consumer, transportation,

and other services; (C) stimulation and creation of

additional services and programs to remedy gaps and deficiencies

in presently existing services and programs; and (D)

such other services as the Assistant Secretary may determine

are necessary or especially appropriate to meet the needs of

low-income older individuals and to assure them greater selfsufficiency;

(15) services for the prevention of abuse of older individuals

in accordance with chapter 3 of subtitle A of title VII and

section 307(a)(12), and screening for elder abuse, neglect, and

exploitation;

(16) in service training and State leadership for legal assistance

activities;

(17) health and nutrition education services, including information

concerning prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation

of age-related diseases and chronic disabling conditions;

(18) services designed to enable mentally impaired older

individuals to attain and maintain emotional well-being and

independent living through a coordinated system of support

services;

(19) services designed to support family members and

other persons providing voluntary care to older individuals

that need long-term care services;

(20) services designed to provide information and training

for individuals who are or may become guardians or representative

payees of older individuals, including information on the

powers and duties of guardians and representative payees and

on alternatives to guardianships;

(21) services to encourage and facilitate regular interaction

between students and older individuals, including services for

older individuals with limited English proficiency and visits in

long-term care facilities, multipurpose senior centers, and

other settings;

(22) in-home services for frail older individuals, including

individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders with

neurological and organic brain dysfunction, and their families,

including in-home services defined by a State agency in the

State plan submitted under section 307, taking into consideration

the age, economic need, and noneconomic and nonhealth

factors contributing to the frail condition and need for services

of the individuals described in this paragraph, and in-home

services defined by an area agency on aging in the area plan

submitted under section 306;

(23) services designed to support States, area agencies on

aging, and local service providers in carrying out and coordinating

activities for older individuals with respect to mental

and behavioral health services, including outreach for, education

concerning, and screening for such services, and referral

to such services for treatment;

13 The amendment provided by section 4(g)(3) of Public Law 114–144 to insert before the period

the following: ‘‘, and pursue opportunities for the development of intergenerational shared

site models for programs or projects, consistent with the purposes of this Act’’ did not specify

to which occurrence of the period in subsection (c) in which to carry out this amendment; however,

such amendment was executed to the first sentence (or to the first occurrence of a period)

in the version shown above.

(24) activities to promote and disseminate information

about life-long learning programs, including opportunities for

distance learning; and

(25) any other services necessary for the general welfare of

older individuals;

if such services meet standards prescribed by the Assistant Secretary

and are necessary for the general welfare of older individuals.

For purposes of paragraph (5), the term ‘‘client assessment

through case management’’ includes providing information relating

to assistive technology.

(b)(1) The Assistant Secretary shall carry out a program for

making grants to States under State plans approved under section

307 for the acquisition, alteration, or renovation of existing facilities,

including mobile units, and, where appropriate, construction

or modernization of facilities to serve as multipurpose senior centers.

(2) Funds made available to a State under this part may be

used for the purpose of assisting in the operation of multipurpose

senior centers and meeting all or part of the costs of compensating

professional and technical personnel required for the operation of

multipurpose senior centers.

(c) In carrying out the provisions of this part, to more efficiently

and effectively deliver services to older individuals, each

area agency on aging shall coordinate services described in subsection

(a) with other community agencies and voluntary organizations

providing the same services, and pursue opportunities for the

development of intergenerational shared site models for programs

or projects, consistent with the purposes of this Act 13. In coordinating

the services, the area agency on aging shall make efforts to

coordinate the services with agencies and organizations carrying

out intergenerational programs or projects 13.

(d) Funds made available under this part shall supplement,

and not supplant, any Federal, State, or local funds expended by

a State or unit of general purpose local government (including an

area agency on aging) to provide services described in subsection

(a).

(e) In this section, the term ‘‘adult child with a disability’’

means a child who—

(1) is age 18 or older;

(2) is financially dependent on an older individual who is

a parent of the child; and

(3) has a disability.

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