

Testimony  
Joint Fiscal Committee  
Susan Wehry, Commissioner  
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Choices for Care Reinvestment

- \$6.0M available in CFC reinvestment savings.
- As directed by Act 50, DAIL will present a reinvestment plan during BAA.
- One area under development for BAA is intended to address the moderate needs group. DAIL staff has been working with the AAAs to create a flexible funds pilot project. Home Health Agencies and Adult Day providers will be added to the work group
- Act 50 also creates the opportunity to present needs for accelerated reinvestment prior to BAA in January, 2014.
- DAIL has received input from the Health Care Oversight Committee as well as many provider stakeholders suggesting that a current waitlist for services in the moderate needs group constitutes an urgent need for accelerated spending.
- We would like to be able to better address the needs of these individuals. We do not believe this represents an urgent need intended by Act 50:
  - these are not high needs individuals
  - the waitlist has been a chronic problem.

In a written communication the Joint Fiscal Committee has already advised DAIL that it is of the same opinion.

DAIL does request spending authority in the amount of \$210,000 to address urgent food insecurity and nutrition needs of seniors.

This amount will offset the difference between the FFY12 and FFY13 awards for congregate meals (Title IIC1: \$113,668) and home delivered meals (Title IIC2: \$ 56,135 ) and provide funding (40K) for targeted intervention(s) aimed at those who are at the highest nutritional risk.

Specifically, these funds will be used to

- Provide home delivered and congregate meals to at risk older adults
- Restore 35,000 meals that are part of a supper program
- Provide support to community meal providers to explore offering person

centered meal options to meet the specific dietary needs of at risk older adults.

- Target nutrition interventions for older adults at highest nutrition and social risk who receive home delivered meals. High risk older adults will receive referral, follow up, nutrition counseling and nutrition education.

Funds to offset the difference between FFY12 and FFY13 will be distributed via formula.

Funds for highest risk nutrition counseling and education and person centered meal options will be distributed via one or more grant awards to AAAs.