

**Administration on Aging
Release of the FY 2011 Budget Request to Congress
Monday, February 1, 2010**

On February 1, 2010, the Administration on Aging's (AoA) Fiscal Year 2011 budget request to Congress of **\$1.624 billion** was released as part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) budget request. The AoA FY 2011 budget request, an increase of \$108.4 million above the FY 2010 enacted level, will help expand support for AoA's core services programs that focus on keeping seniors healthy and in their communities, address and support the needs of caregivers, and protect older Americans from financial fraud and all forms of abuse and neglect.

Of the increase, \$102.5 million will be directed to a caregiver initiative -- an initiative stemming from the work of the White House Task Force on Middle Class Families -- to expand help to families to allow them to better care for their aging relatives and to support seniors trying to remain independent in their communities. The Caregiver Initiative was announced by President Obama at a meeting of the Task Force on January 25, 2010 (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/key-investments-middle-class-families>):

“Better support for family caregivers is critical since their availability often determines whether an older person can remain in his or her home,” remarked Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary for Aging. “The extra funding will support services for nearly 200,000 additional caregivers and provide 3 million more hours of respite care.”

This initiative does not create new programs, but instead builds on the successful network of agencies in local communities across the country -- Area Agencies on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Centers -- that already provide critical help to seniors and caregivers. The Caregiver Initiative provides an additional \$50 million (including \$2 million for services to Native Americans) for caregiver services and temporary respite care -- such as several days at a residential facility, when appropriate -- so that caregivers can get a much needed break. The Caregiver Services program also helps families retrofit their homes to accommodate the special needs of an aging family member, provides a peer support network for caregivers, and helps link caregivers and seniors to other supportive services.

The Caregiver Initiative also provides an additional \$50 million for Home and Community-Based Supportive Services (including \$2 million for related services for Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Hawaiian elders) that relieve both the time and financial stress that caring for an aging parent or family member can bring while improving the quality of life for seniors. Additional services that the Initiative is projected to support include:

- an increase of 1.3 million hours of personal care assistance to seniors unable to perform daily activities including the services of aides who can help seniors bathe, cook meals, clean up the house, and buy groceries,

- an increase of three million more rides (and an additional 250,000 rides for Native American seniors) for critical daily activities such as visiting the doctor, the pharmacy, or grocery stores so that a family member does not have to drive the senior to every appointment, and
- an additional one million hours in adult day programs for those who need supervised and engaging activities during the day.

The initiative also would double funding from \$2.5 million to \$5.0 million for the Lifespan Respite Care program, which provides temporary respite services to family caregivers of children or adults of any age with special needs.

The President's request also includes an additional \$8.1 million for AoA nutrition services to ensure that millions of older adults continue to have access to a nutritious diet needed to stay healthy and decrease their risk of disability. Overall nutrition funding of \$828 million will support 214 million home-delivered and congregate meals to nearly 2.3 million elderly individuals in a variety of community settings.

The budget also requests an additional \$1.4 million for AoA programs to protect vulnerable elders from abuse and neglect. The increased funding will allow states to further develop, coordinate, enhance and carry out comprehensive statewide systems of elder justice and elder rights protections.

FY 2011 Budget Overview
(Dollars in Thousands)

Program	FY 2009 Appropriation	FY 2009 Recovery Act	FY 2010 Appropriation	FY 2010 Recovery Act	FY 2011 President's Budget Request
Health and Independence:					
Home & Community-Based Supportive Services ...	\$ 361,348	\$ --	\$ 368,348	\$ --	\$ 416,348
Congregate Nutrition Services.....	434,269	65,000	440,783	--	445,644
Home-Delivered Nutrition Services	214,459	32,000	217,676	--	220,893
Native American Nutrition & Supportive Services ..	27,208	3,000	27,708	--	29,708
Nutrition Services Incentive Program 1/.....	161,015	--	161,015	--	161,015
Preventive Health Services.....	21,026	--	21,026	--	21,026
Subtotal, Health and Independence	\$ 1,219,325	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,236,556	\$ --	\$ 1,294,634
Caregiver Services:					
Family Caregiver Support Services.....	\$ 154,220	\$ --	\$ 154,220	\$ --	\$ 202,220
Native American Caregiver Support Services.....	6,389	--	6,389	--	8,389
Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services	11,464	--	11,464	--	11,464
Lifespan Respite Care 2/.....	2,500	--	2,500	--	5,000
Subtotal, Caregiver Services.....	\$ 174,573	\$ --	\$ 174,573	\$ --	\$ 227,073
Protection of Vulnerable Older Americans:					
Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program	\$ 16,327	\$ --	\$ 16,827	\$ --	\$ 17,783
Prevention of Elder Abuse & Neglect	5,056	--	5,056	--	5,507
Subtotal, Vulnerable Older Americans.....	\$ 21,383	\$ --	\$ 21,883	\$ --	\$ 23,290
Network Support and Demonstrations:					
Health and Long-Term Care Programs 3/.....	\$ 28,000	\$ --	\$ 30,589	\$ --	\$ 30,485
Program Innovations	18,172	--	19,023	--	13,049
Aging Network Support Activities	13,694	--	13,694	--	13,694
Subtotal, Network Support and Demonstrations ..	\$ 59,866	\$ --	\$ 63,306	\$ --	\$ 57,228
Program Administration.....	\$ 18,696	\$ --	\$ 19,979	\$ --	\$ 22,508
Total, Discretionary Budget Authority.....	\$ 1,493,843	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,516,297	\$ --	\$ 1,624,733
Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control 4/.....	\$ 3,236	\$ --	\$ 3,289	\$ --	\$ 3,279
Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs 5/	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 32,500	\$ --
Medicare Enrollment Assistance.....	\$ 17,500	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Total, Program Level.....	\$ 1,514,579	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,519,586	\$ 32,500	\$ 1,628,012

1/ Includes \$2,681,000 in FY 2009 budget authority and \$2,544,103 in FY 2010 budget authority appropriated to AoA and transferred to the Department of Agriculture for commodities purchases pursuant to Public Law 110-19.

2/ Funding for the Lifespan Respite Care Act was appropriated in FY 2009 under the General Departmental Management Account in the Office of the Secretary. In FY 2010 the funds were directly appropriated to AoA. This table is comparatively adjusted.

3/ Funding for activities under this program was provided under Aging Network Support Activities in FY 2009 and FY 2010. This table is comparatively adjusted.

4/ FY 2011 is a placeholder. The Secretary and the Attorney General will determine the final amount.

5/ \$32.5 million is funding transferred from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through an intra-departmental delegation of authority as part of the Recovery Act's \$650 million "Prevention and Wellness Fund."