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AAA Area Plans

- The AAAs in Iowa submit 4-year Area Plans
- The AAA will need to submit any updates for the fourth year of the area plan and those updates will be presented to the Commission on Aging on June 12
- IDA reviewed the plans and are moving the current plans forward unless a major issue (noncompliance with OAA Section 306) was identified.
- These anticipated area plan services are in flux due to COVID.
- The AAAs have implemented their emergency plan that is referenced in their area plan. As a pandemic was not fully anticipated in most emergency preparedness plans, many AAAs have provided updated plans to the Department.
- Currently and in this upcoming fiscal year, each AAA will be transitioning through the following phases:
 - Urgent COVID
 - Recovery COVID
 - Post COVID
- Since this type of situation has never arisen before in our time, it is difficult to anticipate all needs or strategies necessary for the upcoming service year.
- Each AAA will be moving through these phases at different times and at the pace dictated by each of their counties.
- As the AAAs move from the implementation of their emergency plan back to the operations of their non-emergency portions of their area plan, IDA will provide guidance and technical assistance as needed. Guidance includes:
 - Revenue & Expenditures
 - Family First Funds
 - CARES Act Funds
 - ADRC NWD Grant
 - OAA Funds
 - Priority Services
 - Projected Services
 - Units of Service

- This guidance will also be shared with ACL
- The AAAs will operate under IDA provided guidance or under an abbreviated plan approved by the Department.
- IDA and the AAAs currently are in the process of developing a new State 4-year plan and 4-year Area Plans over the next year. It is anticipated that the way we do business will change. In what manner is unknown at this time. However, we will be building off lessons learned and innovative practices which are being captured. Situations like this always create the need to evaluate processes and systems and how to capitalize on what can be streamlined. It is also predicted that emergency plans will be enhanced in the new 4-year plans.
- Budgets will only need to be updated if a previously unbudgeted service will be utilized.