

ma4 SFY 2016 Impact Statement

JUST ONE INCIDENT AWAY...

With “just one incident” threatening the stability of independent living for countless seniors, what can Missouri do?

Average annual cost of <i>Medicaid</i> Nursing Home Care:	\$53,500
Average annual cost of Home and Community Based Services:	\$18,000-\$20,000

The federal **Older Americans Act (OAA)** is an important safety net for older individuals who are at risk economically, medically, and socially. Under this act, **Area Agencies on Aging** are the local organizations charged with designing and funding systems that prolong independent, meaningful life at home and within communities—avoiding institutional care.

The following factors create increased risk for nursing home admission.

(Study by AOA/ACL)

Factors that Increase Risk	Who Do Missouri Area Agencies on Aging Serve?
75+ age	70% of AAA participants are 75 and older
Low income	49% of AAA participants are at or below poverty levels
Chronic health conditions, and difficulty with activities of daily living	More than 33% of AAA participants report eight or more chronic conditions; 53% report six or more chronic conditions.
Living alone, living in homes that are not owned, and having fewer children	56% of AAA participants live alone
Absence of caregiver support	45% of the 45-60 caregiver population is disappearing as demographics shift. Seniors are increasingly relying on Area Agencies on Aging for ‘surrogate’ caregiver supports.

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THESE CHALLENGES THREATEN MISSOURI SENIORS:

- A rapidly growing older population
 - Decades of inadequate funding
 - Unbalanced deficit reduction and sequestration
- ✓ SFY16 estimates 1,235,286 Missouri persons are over the age of 60, of which 102,321 are low income. Area Agencies on Aging serve 49% of those low income individuals—leaving 51% unserved and at much higher risk for being “one incident away . . .”
- ✓ Rural seniors face greater lack of resources and accessibility to resources—especially medical. SFY16 estimates 35,684 low-income seniors live in rural areas. Area Agencies serve approximately 74% of these leaving 26% unserved and at much higher risk for being “one incident away . . .”
- ✓ SFY16 estimates 387,235 Missourians, 60 and over, have a disability or difficulty with Activities of Daily Living. Of those, 53,660 were low income as well. Area Agencies serve 25% of them with the resources available—leaving 75% unserved and at much higher risk for being “one incident away . . .”

AREA AGENCY ON AGING CREDENTIALS

1. **For over 40 years, Area Agencies on Aging have been prioritizing assistance to the most vulnerable**—those with declining health, managing disabilities, and/or facing economic and social challenges.
2. According to the Administration on Aging, **at least 90% of Older Americans Act Title III participants have multiple chronic conditions and, yet, 15-20 years later, remain at home because of Area Agency on Aging assistance and services.**
3. Area Agencies on Aging serve **in every county** in the State of Missouri.
4. **Area Agencies on Aging consistently receive the highest rating possible from Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**, under stringent audit criteria. According to OMB, Area Agencies on Aging set ambitious goals, achieve results, and are well-managed through exemplary financial program management and practices.