

**17—4.7(231) Continuity of services in the event of dedesignation or appeal of dedesignation.** To ensure continuity of services in the affected planning and service area(s) while the commission's final decision regarding dedesignation of an area agency on aging is on appeal, the department may, in its discretion, elect to do any of the following individually or in combination:

1. Temporarily perform the responsibilities of the area agency on aging;
2. Assign the responsibilities of the area agency on aging to the existing area agency on aging;
3. Assign the responsibilities of the area agency on aging to any other area agency on aging; or
4. Assign the responsibilities of the area agency on aging to another entity that is in the planning and service area and is competent to provide area agency on aging services.

The department may also submit a written request to the Administration on Aging for an extension of the continuity of services plan pursuant to this rule. The request shall document the need for an extension to provide continuity of services in the affected planning and service area(s) until a successor area agency on aging is designated after appeal.

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