

321—7.4(231) Delivery of service.

7.4(1) Facility and focal points. Each AAA shall designate a focal point for a comprehensive and coordinated system of services in each served community, giving special consideration to the designation of multipurpose senior centers that currently or potentially can accommodate the collocation of services, where feasible.

7.4(2) Focal points. The area profile submitted by the AAA as required in 321 IAC 6 shall specify the communities and facilities which are designated as focal points.

7.4(3) In the designation of focal points, the AAA shall consider:

a. Communities with the greatest incidence of elders with the characteristics as given in 7.3(231) and the efforts of voluntary organizations in the community;

b. The needs of participants and the delivery pattern of services funded under the Act and from other sources;

c. The location of current multipurpose senior centers and congregate nutrition sites;

d. The geographic boundaries of communities and natural neighborhoods; and

e. The location of facilities suitable for designation.

7.4(4) Developing collocation of services at the focal point. The AAA shall:

a. Encourage service providers to coordinate and collocate their services;

b. Coordinate with public and private agencies, institutions and elected officials in the community to achieve maximum collocation, coordination, and access to other services or opportunities for the elderly;

c. Ensure that information and referral and emergency service programs are provided;

d. Ensure that services funded under the Act will be based at, linked to, or coordinated with focal points; and

e. Establish guidelines for operating schedules which are convenient for elders in the community.