

**441—227.6(231) Public participation.**

**227.6(1) Advisory council.** Each area agency on aging will establish an advisory council. The council shall carry out advisory functions that further the area agency on aging's mission of developing and coordinating community-based systems of services for all older individuals and family and older relative caregivers specific to each PSA.

*a. Composition of council.* The council shall include individuals and representatives of community organizations from or serving the PSA who will help to enhance the leadership role of the area agency on aging in developing community-based systems of services prioritizing those in greatest economic need and greatest social need. The advisory council shall be made up of:

(1) More than 50 percent older individuals, including minority individuals who are participants or who are eligible to participate in programs under this rule, with efforts to include individuals identified as in greatest economic need and individuals identified as in greatest social need in 45 CFR 1321.65(b)(2) as amended to October 1, 2025;

(2) Representatives of older individuals;

(3) Family caregivers, which may include older relative caregivers;

(4) Representatives of health care provider organizations, including providers of veterans' health care (if appropriate);

(5) Representatives of service providers, which may include legal assistance, nutrition, evidence-based disease prevention and health promotion, caregiver, long-term care ombudsman, and other service providers;

(6) Persons with leadership experience in the private and voluntary sectors;

(7) Local elected officials;

(8) The general public; and

(9) As available:

1. Representatives from Indian tribes, pueblos, or tribal aging programs; and

2. Older relative caregivers, including kin and grandparent caregivers of children or adults aged 18 to 59 with a disability.

*b. Conflicts of interest.* Pursuant to 45 CFR 1321 as amended to October 1, 2025, the advisory council shall not operate as a board of directors for the area agency on aging. Individuals may not serve on both the advisory council and the board of directors for the same entity.

**227.6(2) Public input.** Each area agency will have mechanisms and varied methods to obtain periodic views of older individuals, caregivers, service providers, and the public with a focus on those in greatest economic need and greatest social need. Additionally, the views of participants will be obtained about the services participants receive, which will be used to improve services.

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