

441—227.8(231) Area plan on aging. Each area agency on aging will operate under an area plan on aging approved by the department.

227.8(1) *Multiyear area plan on aging.* Each area agency on aging will develop and administer a two-, three-, or four-year area plan on aging specific to each PSA. Each area agency on aging will develop and submit the area plan on aging to the department for approval following the form, format, policies, and procedures specified by the department and in accordance with 45 CFR 1321.9 and 1321.65 as amended to October 1, 2025.

a. Area plan on aging annual update. Each area agency on aging will provide an annual update to its multiyear area plan on aging according to department policies, procedures, and instructions.

b. Area plan on aging amendments. Each area agency on aging will amend the approved area plan on aging and submit it to the department for approval when requested by the department or when necessary, according to 45 CFR 1321 as amended to October 1, 2025.

227.8(2) *Advisory council review and comment.* Each area agency on aging will submit any new area plan on aging, annual updates, or amendments for review and comment to the advisory council before the new plan, annual update, or amendment is sent to the department for approval.

227.8(3) *Public input.* Each area agency on aging will obtain public input in accordance with 45 CFR 1321.65 as amended to October 1, 2025. Each area agency on aging will:

a. Provide a minimum time period of at least 30 calendar days, unless a waiver is provided by the department during an emergency or when a time-sensitive action is otherwise necessary, for public review and comment on a new multiyear area plan on aging and area plan aging amendments;

b. Hold at least one public hearing on the area plan on aging and area plan amendments.

(1) The public hearing(s) will be held prior to submission of the area plan on aging or amendment(s) at a time that permits older individuals, public officials, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity to participate.

(2) The hearing(s) will be conducted in a barrier-free, fully accessible manner virtually or in person or both.

(3) The public hearing agenda and associated documents will be accessible and available to the public prior to the hearing.

1. Direct service waiver requests will be listed as a separate agenda item.

2. Priority services will be listed as a separate agenda item.

(4) Each area agency on aging will provide notice of the hearing in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.4(1) and by sending notice to all known groups of older individuals, PSA public officials, and other interested parties. The notice will be issued 30 days prior to the public hearing and include the time, date, and location of the public hearing. Each area agency on aging will comply with any applicable state or federal laws and regulations governing public hearing processes and procedures.

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