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The Older Americans Act of 1965 established the State Unit on Aging and the Area Agencies on Aging. The Department of Elder Affairs was first created as the Commission on the Aging by the General Assembly in 1965. In 1986, the responsibilities of the commission were included in the duties of the Department of Elder Affairs, which acts as the State Unit on Aging. The department was established under the "Elder Iowans Act" (Iowa Code chapter 231), which sets forth the state's commitment to its elders and their dignity, independence, and rights. The department is an advocate for elder Iowans age 60 and older and is responsible for developing a comprehensive and coordinated system of services and activities for older people through 13 designated Area Agencies on Aging across the state. An 11-member commission is the policymaking body with seven members appointed by the Governor, two by the House, and two by the Senate for four-year terms. The commission designates the Area Agencies on Aging and approves and monitors the area plans for the area agencies. The Governor appoints an executive director subject to confirmation by the Senate.

In 2003, the department was given authority to establish policy for assisted living, adult day services, and elder group homes.

The department advocates for elders by reviewing and commenting upon all state plans, budgets, laws, rules, regulations, and policies which affect elders and by providing technical assistance to any agency, organization, association, or individual representing the needs of elders.

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