The following information was provided to Commissioners to the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs for consideration and Action at their June 6, 2001 meeting, for Item IV G. - SLP Waiver on Maintenance of Effort Language in Rules

The initial intent of SLP appropriations to IDEA was to: 1) provide new services to communities and elderly clients, 2) serve additional elderly clients under existing services and 3) adding increased levels of needed services to existing elderly clients.

As a result of reductions in General Fund Appropriation to IDEA for Fiscal Year 2001-2002, in order to prevent considerable reductions of service and hardship on elderly clients of home and community based services in Iowa, IDEA staff believes it is advisable to and recommends that two sections in the Iowa Administrative Code be waived for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. The first relates to expenditures by Area Agencies on Aging, the later relates to expenditure of SLP funds at the service provider level.

28.4(1) Eligible use of funds.

f. The AAA may not use senior living trust funds to replace existing funding for a long-term care service. The department may grant an exception in order to enhance access to a service if the displaced funding is subsequently dedicated by the AAA to another long-term care service for the elderly and results in an increase in total AAA funding for long-term care services to seniors equal to the senior living trust fund dollars used for replacement.

28.5(4) Eligible uses of senior living trust funds by subcontractors

c. The AAA subcontractor may not use senior living trust funds to replace existing funding for a long-term care service. The AAA may grant an exception in order to enhance access to a service if the displaced funding is subsequently dedicated by the subcontractor to another long-term care service for the elderly and results in an increase in total funding for long-term care services by the subcontractor to seniors equal to the senior living trust fund dollars used for replacement.