

establishing the first protocol for the new mandatory activity described in 438.358(b)(1)(iv) for network adequacy validation for managed care organizations (MCOs), prepaid inpatient health plans (PIHPs), and prepaid ambulatory health plans (PAHPs); and other formatting changes. *Form Number:* CMS–R–305 (OMB control number: 0938–0786); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Private Sector, Business or other for-profits and State, Local or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 603; *Number of Responses:* 5,945; *Total Annual Hours:* 413,310. (For questions regarding this collection contact Jennifer Maslowski at 312–886–2567.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### **Intent To Award a Single-Source Supplement for the Expanding the National Capacity for Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed (PCTI) Care: Services and Supports for Holocaust Survivors and Other Older Adults With a History of Trauma and Their Family Caregivers Program**

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announces the intent to award a single-source supplement to the current cooperative agreement held by the Jewish Federations of North America for the project *Expanding the National Capacity for Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed (PCTI) Care: Services and Supports for Holocaust Survivors and Other Older Adults with a History of Trauma and Their Family Caregivers* program. The purpose of this program is to advance the development and expansion of PCTI supportive services for Holocaust survivors living in the U.S. Additionally, the project is advancing the capacity of the broader aging services network to deliver services of this type to any older adult with a history of trauma and their family caregivers. The overall goals of the program are as follows:

1. Increase the number and type of innovations in PCTI care for Holocaust survivors, older adults with a history of trauma, and their family caregivers, and

2. Expand the capacity of the Aging Network to provide PCTI care to the populations it serves.

The administrative supplement for FY 2022 will be in the amount of \$987,000, bringing the total award for FY 2022 to \$5,922,000.

The additional funding will not be used to begin new projects, but to permit JFNA to expand current activities. For example, to increase the number and diversity of innovations in PCTI care, the grantee will expand its National Networks Program with a focus on addressing social isolation, a leading risk factor for poor health among older adults that has become even more acute because of COVID–19, and on providing PCTI care to foreign born older adults with histories of trauma. JFNA will also promote special topics and innovations in PCTI care among subgrantees in the Expanded Critical Supports Program, including innovations that promote the safe and welcoming re-integration of Holocaust survivors and other traumatized older populations into in-person programs as COVID–19 becomes less of a risk factor and that promote resilience in older trauma survivors to reduce their risk for institutionalization. To augment project efforts and build the capacity of the Aging Network to provide PCTI care, JFNA will work with project partners to expand and enhance the online PCTI training program currently under way in the original ACL grant. This training will increase system-wide awareness and knowledge about PCTI care. Additionally, JFNA will recruit a year-long, graduate level fellow to enhance its evaluation and dissemination promising practices in PCTI care and in PCTI program evaluation.

*Program Name:* Expanding the National Capacity for Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed (PCTI) Care: Services and Supports for Holocaust Survivors and Other Older Adults with a History of Trauma and Their Family Caregivers.

*Recipient:* The Jewish Federations of North America.

*Period of Performance:* The supplement award will be issued for the third year of the five-year project period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025.

*Total Award Amount:* \$5,922,000 in FY 2022.

*Award Type:* Cooperative Agreement Supplement.

*Statutory Authority:* The Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965, as amended, Public Law 109–365—Title 4, Section 411.

*Basis for Award:* The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) is currently funded to carry out the

objectives of the project entitled *Expanding the National Capacity for Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed (PCTI) Care: Services and Supports for Holocaust Survivors and Other Older Adults with a History of Trauma and Their Family Caregivers* for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025. Since project implementation began in late 2020, the grantee has accomplished a great deal. The supplement will enable the grantee to carry their work even further, serving more Holocaust survivors, other older adults with histories of trauma, family caregivers and to train more professionals in the principles of PCTI. The additional funding will not be used to begin new projects or activities.

The JFNA is uniquely positioned to complete the work called for under this project. JFNA's partners on this project include the National Indian Council on Aging, the Japanese American Service Committee, the National Caucus and Center on Black Aging, Inc., the New Jersey Office for Refugees International Rescue Committee, the Asociacion Nacional Pro Personas Mayores (a pioneering organization in the field of Hispanic/minority aging); SAGE (the nation's leading organization devoted to aging in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community); and HIAS (which works around the world to protect refugees). Additional project partners include, the Caregiver Center at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at the University of Tennessee; the Community Care Corps Program, funded by the Administration for Community Living and led by the Oasis Institute; the Caregiver Action Network, and USAgeing; LeadingAge, an association of 6,000 not for profit organizations across the continuum of aging services; the Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc., which advances models for organizing and financing health care delivery; and the Campaign for Trauma-Informed Policy and Practice, which promotes the building of trauma-informed communities; among others.

Establishing an entirely new grant project at this time would be potentially disruptive to the current work already well under way. More importantly, the Holocaust survivors and other older adults currently being served by this project could be negatively impacted by a service disruption, thus posing the risk of re-traumatization and further negative impacts on health and wellbeing. If this supplement is not provided, the project would be less able to address the significant unmet health and social support needs of additional Holocaust survivors and other older adults with histories of trauma.

Similarly, the project would be unable to expand its current technical assistance and training efforts in PCTI concepts and approaches, let alone reach beyond traditional providers of services to this population to train more “mainstream” providers of aging services.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or comments regarding this program supplement, contact Greg Link, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Administration on Aging, Office of Supportive and Caregiver Services; Telephone (202)–795–7386; email [greg.link@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:greg.link@acl.hhs.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Announcing the Intent To Award a Single-Source Supplement for the National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announces the intent to award a single-source supplemental to the current cooperative agreement held by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) for the National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment (NCBOE). The purpose of the NCBOE is to provide technical assistance to states, Area Agencies on Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Centers and service providers who conduct outreach and low-income benefits enrollment assistance, particularly to older individuals with greatest economic need for federal and state programs. The administrative supplement for FY 2022 will be for \$2,931,502, bringing the total award for FY 2022 to \$14,431,502.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or comments regarding this program supplement, contact Margaret Flowers, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Center for Integrated Programs, Office of Healthcare Information and Counseling; telephone (202) 795–7315; email [Margaret.flowers@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:Margaret.flowers@acl.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This supplemental funding will expand the NCBOE’s outreach and education efforts targeting older adults with the greatest economic need, especially people from underserved communities. The NCBOE will build on current efforts to reach and assist beneficiaries, including expanding the work of the Benefits Enrollment Centers, making enhancements to the benefits eligibility and screening tool, and expanding the capacity of the benefits call center. As part of this work, the NCBOE should reflect on the equity assessment conducted in 2021 to identify specific strategies to reach and enroll beneficiaries in rural communities, who are under 65, with limited English proficiency, from tribal communities, from communities of color, and/or from other historically underserved and marginalized communities. Additionally, the NCBOE should explore ways to educate counselors and low-income beneficiaries about possible Medicare Advantage supplemental benefits.

The NCBOE maintains an information clearinghouse on best practices and cost-effective methods for finding and enrolling older individuals and people with disabilities with greatest economic need. This clearinghouse includes research that could help inform and support the work done by the network. The NCBOE should consider new research topics, such as exploring the impact COVID–19 had on their health and finances or predictors of Medicaid utilization, to help agencies better understand the populations served. The NCBOE should also build on the work done to date to educate individuals who are dually eligible by conducting an evaluation of the My Care, My Choice decision support tool and its usage by beneficiaries and/or counselors.

**Program Name:** The National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment (NCBOE).

**Recipient:** National Council on Aging (NCOA).

**Period of Performance:** The award will be issued for the current project period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

**Total Award Amount:** \$14,431,502 in FY 2022.

**Award Type:** Cooperative Agreement Supplement.

**Statutory Authority:** The statutory authority is contained in the 2006 Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, as amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, and reauthorized by the American Taxpayer

Relief Act of 2012, Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, and Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

**Basis for Award:** The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is currently funded to carry out the NCBOE Project for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025. Much work has already been completed and further tasks are currently being accomplished. It would be unnecessarily time consuming and disruptive to the NCBOE project and the beneficiaries being served for the ACL to establish a new grantee at this time when critical services are presently being provided in an efficient manner.

NCOA is uniquely placed to complete the work under the NCBOE grant. Since 2001, NCOA has been the national leader in improving benefits access to vulnerable older adults. They have an unparalleled history of working with community-based organizations to develop and replicate outreach and enrollment solutions, while maintaining and enhancing technology to make it easier and more efficient to find benefits. NCOA through NCBOE accomplishes its mission by developing and sharing tools, resources, best practices, and strategies for benefits outreach and enrollment via its online clearinghouse, electronic and print publications, webinars, and training and technical assistance.

In addition, NCOA has BenefitsCheckUp which is, by far, the nation’s most comprehensive and widely-used web-based service that screens older and disabled adults with limited incomes and resources and informs them about public and private benefits for which they are very likely to be eligible. Since the BenefitsCheckUp was launched in 2001, nearly 9.9 million people have discovered \$42.7 billion in benefits. In addition to the focus on Low-Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Programs, BenefitsCheckUp also includes more than 2,500 benefits programs from all 50 states and DC, including over 50,000 local offices for people to apply for benefits; and more than 1,500 application forms in every language in which they are available.

NCOA is successfully meeting all programmatic goals under the current NCBOE grant.

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**Alison Barkoff,**

*Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary.*

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