

# Action Request Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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**Number:** APD-AR-20-054

**Issue date:** 4/30/2020

**Topic:** Other

**Due date:** Upon receipt

**Subject:** Area Plan Extension

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                                | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities    | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs                        | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> ):                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs                           |   |

**Action required:** The Area Agency on Aging 2017-2020 Area Plans have been extended for six months and will now expire on June 30, 2021.

Using the electronically provided Area Plan instructions and supporting documents previously transmitted in [APD-AR-19-040](#), please develop and prepare an area plan and budget for your planning and service area for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. The instructions and forms are also available on the CSSU website located at <https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/SUA/Pages/Area-Plans.aspx>.

Deadline for submittal of the Area Plan, including budget pages, is March 19, 2021 by close of business (5:00 p.m.). DHS/APD will review submitted Area Plans and respond by May 7, 2021. If applicable, the deadline for re-submittals will be June 4, 2021.

**Reason for action:** Older Americans Act Section 306 requires each designated area agency on aging to develop an Area Plan on Aging. Currently, active four-year AAA Area Plans and updates expire on 12/31/2020.

In light of the public health emergency presented by COVID-19, Area Agencies on Aging have requested flexibility in the deadline for submission of Area Plans on Aging.

APD understands that AAAs are operating at maximum capacity to address issues associated with COVID-19 and may not have the present ability to develop and submit a new Area Plan and to ensure meaningful public input in the process. Therefore, DHS/APD is extending both the expiration date of current Area Plans and the deadline for submission of the next Area Plans. APD has determined that the probable benefits of these extensions is likely to outweigh any negative consequences.

**Field/stakeholder review:**  Yes  No  
**If yes, reviewed by:** AAA directors were consulted prior to making this decision.

*If you have any questions about this action request, contact:*

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