



N.C. Department of Health  
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# Updates from the Division of Aging and Adult Services

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## DAAS Budget Implementation Activities

- Changes to G.S. 35A-1242 – Status Reports for Incompetent Adults
  - Dear Director Letter dated 9/26/14 with updated status report and instructions effective October 1, 2014
- Changes to G.S. 108A-41(b)(3) – Special Assistance Residency Requirements
  - DAAS Administrative Letter No. 14-11 eliminating the option for an individual to move to NC to join a “close” relative as a means of obtaining residency effective November 1, 2014



## DAAS Budget Implementation Activities - Continued

- State Plan Amendment (SPA) to CMS to reduce SA income threshold to 100% of FPL - due October 31, 2014 – DAAS coordinating with DMA for SPA submission
  - If approved by CMS, SA income threshold drops to 100% of FPL 30 days after CMS approval
  - Approximately 5,200 individuals over 100% of FPL are “grandfathered” to retain SA and Medicaid eligibility
  - If not approved by CMS, no changes to SA income threshold



## DAAS Budget Implementation Activities Continued

- Legislatively required plans to improve public guardianship system
  - Plan for evaluating complaints about wards served by publically funded guardians
  - Model plan for transitioning wards to alternative guardianship arrangements when the guardian of the person is unwilling/unable to serve with a focus on ways to prevent appointments going to publically funded guardians
- Plans submitted to HHS legislative Oversight Committee and Fiscal Research Division October 1, 2014



## **DAAS Budget Implementation Activities Continued**

- SFY 2014-15 Allocations for State Adult Day Care Fund; State Adult Homes Specialist Fund; and Adult Protective Services-SSBG available on DAAS website
  - Dear Director Letter dated September 29, 2014 with links to funding authorizations and signature page to be completed and returned to DAAS Budget Officer
- SFY 2014-15 HCCBG reduction notifications will be sent to AAAs later in October – 3.1% recurring reduction in state funds in HCCBG (\$969,549)