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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All AAA Directors      **NOTICE #:** 040803-1-PC-OS

**FROM:** Terry White  
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**SUBJECT:** Notice of Policy Clarification: Use of Co-payments in Community Care for the Elderly

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A memo to the AAA Executive Directors dated May 9, 2001, transmitted that co-payments collected in the Community Care for the Elderly program could not be used as part of the local match requirements for the program. This memo was in reaction to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's report A-12-00-00002, "States' Use of Voluntary Contributions Under Title III of the Older Americans Act." Furthermore, a memo sent December 21, 2001, to all AAA Executive Directors placed a hold on the implementation of that policy as it related to the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) program for a period not to exceed two years.

The purpose of this Notice of Policy Clarification is to communicate that co-payments can continue to be used as match in the CCE program. We have carefully examined the policy and its implications and feel it is in the best interests for the elders in our state.

Providers must continue to comply with the policy concerning the Older Americans Act funds as explained in the memo of May 9, 2001. However, we are awaiting draft regulations from the Administration on Aging that may include language regarding the use of voluntary contributions related to OAA funding for matching purposes. The Department has gone on record in support of permitting state and local agencies, if they choose, to attribute all or a portion of voluntary contributions received to the nonfederal share of program costs. We will keep you informed of any developments at the federal level.

The memos referenced are attached.