

LONG-TERM CARE IN BRIEF: EXPLAINING THE EXPANSION OF AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS

HR 3590, Sec. 2405. Funding to expand State Aging and Disability Resource Centers

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), signed into law on March 23, 2010, appropriates \$10 million dollars for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014. The Funding to expand state Aging and Disability Resource Centers (HR 3590, Sec. 2405) will be directed to the Secretary of HHS, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Aging, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA) that create and strengthen the Aging and Disability Resource Center Program.

What is an ADRC? The Aging and Disability Resource Center Program (ADRC) is a collaborative effort of Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The goal of the program is to serve all individuals with long-term care needs, regardless of age or disability.

What are the functions of an ADRC? ADRCs are designed to streamline access to long-term care. To do this effectively, ADRCs must be visible and trusted sources of information on long-term care, in part by providing individuals with personalized information so that consumers are able to make informed decisions about their future long-term care needs. To further streamline access, and to help individuals obtain the care they need, ADRCs are also intended to serve as the single entry point to publicly administered long-term services and supports.

What agency has authority over the ADRCs? The language of Section 202 of the OAA explicitly charges the Assistant Secretary and AoA with the duty of implementing ADRCs in every state.

How does the ADRC program operate? Through the ADRC program, states have the opportunity to effectively integrate the full range of long-term services and supports into a single, coordinated system that provides information and assistance to individuals in a community-based environment that promotes independence and dignity.

IMPORTANT DATES

FY 2010 – FY 2014 \$10 million is appropriated for each of these fiscal years



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