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Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

Item 319	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Individual Care Services (45500)	**$44,914,449**	**$44,514,449**
Financial Assistance for Local Services to the Elderly (45504)	$36,882,787	$36,482,787
Rights and Protection for the Elderly (45506)	$8,031,662	$8,031,662
Fund Sources:		
General	$25,128,634	$24,728,634
Special	$90,000	$90,000
Dedicated Special Revenue	$200,000	$200,000
Federal Trust	$19,495,815	$19,495,815

Authority: Title 51.5, Chapter 14, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation, $456,209 the first year and $456,209 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to continue a statewide Respite Care Initiative program for the elderly and persons suffering from Alzheimer's Disease.

B.1. Out of this appropriation, $3,785,000 the first year and $3,785,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support local and regional programs of the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program. This funding is estimated to provide 757 client slots the first year and 757 client slots the second year for unrestricted guardianship services.

2. Out of this appropriation, $200,000 the first year and $200,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to provide services through the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program for individuals with mental illness or intellectual disability (ID). This funding is estimated to provide 40 client slots the first year and 40 client slots the second year for guardianship services for individuals with mental illness or intellectual disabilities.

3. Out of this appropriation, $2,270,000 the first year and $2,270,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to provide services through the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID) and developmental disabilities (DD). This funding shall be expended pursuant to an interagency agreement between the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) and the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services. This funding is estimated to provide 454 client slots the first year and 454 client slots the second year for guardianship services for individuals with ID/DD, as authorized by DBHDS.

4. Out of this appropriation, $686,000 the first year and $686,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to provide services through the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program for individuals with mental illness. This funding shall be expended pursuant to an interagency agreement between the Department of

Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) and the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services. This funding is estimated to provide 98 client slots the first year and 98 client slots the second year for guardianship services for individuals with mental illness, as authorized by DBHDS.

C.1. Area Agencies on Aging that are authorized to use funding for the Care Coordination for the Elderly Program shall be authorized to use funding to conduct a program providing mobile, brief intervention and service linking as a form of care coordination. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, in collaboration with the Area Agencies on Aging, shall analyze the resulting impact in these agencies and determine if this model of service delivery is an appropriate and beneficial use of these funds.

2. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, in collaboration with Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) that are authorized to use funding for the Care Coordination for the Elderly Program, shall examine and analyze existing state and national care coordination models to determine best practice models. The department and designated AAAs shall determine which models of service delivery are appropriate and demonstrate beneficial use of these funds and develop the accompanying service standards. Each AAA receiving care coordination funding shall submit its plan for care coordination with the annual area plan.

D. Area Agencies on Aging shall be designated as the lead agency in each respective area for No Wrong Door.

E. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall (i) recommend strategies to coordinate services and resources among agencies involved in the delivery of services to Virginians with dementia; (ii) monitor the implementation of the Dementia State Plan; (iii) recommend policies, legislation, and funding needed to implement the Plan; (iv) collect and monitor data related to the impact of dementia on Virginians; and (v) determine the services, resources, and policies that may be needed to address services for individuals with dementia.

F. Out of this appropriation, $262,500 the first year and $262,500 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for an interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia care management for 88 individuals diagnosed with dementia. This service shall be provided through a partnership between the Memory and Aging Care Clinic at the University of Virginia and the Alzheimer's Association. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall report the status and provide an update on the results of the dementia case management program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1 of each year.

G. Out of this appropriation, $200,000 the first year and $200,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for an interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management for 100 individuals diagnosed with dementia. This service shall be provided through a partnership between the Martha W. Goodson Center of Riverside Health Services and the Peninsula Agency on Aging. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall report the status and provide an update on the results of the dementia case management program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1 of each year.

H. Out of this appropriation, $400,000 the first year and $400,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Capitol Area Agency on Aging and Local Office on Aging, Inc. for an interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management for 200 individuals diagnosed with dementia. Funding shall be allocated evenly between the two Area Agencies on Aging. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall report the status and provide an update on the results of the dementia case management program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1 of each year.

I. Out of this appropriation, $201,875 the first year and $201,875 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support the distribution of comprehensive health and aging information to Virginia's senior population, their families, and caregivers.

J. Out of this appropriation, $250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for the Pharmacy Connect Program in Southwest Virginia, administered by Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc.

K. Out of this appropriation, $200,000 the first year and $200,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Jewish Social Services Agency to provide assistance to low-income seniors who have experienced trauma.

L. Out of this appropriation, $250,000 the first year and $250,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to contract with Birmingham Green to provide residential services to low-income, disabled individuals.

M. Out of this appropriation, $600,000 the first year and $600,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to contract with Area Agencies on Aging utilizing the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) to provide counseling to Medicare beneficiaries about health insurance options and plans.

N. Out of this appropriation, $700,000 the first year and $700,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to hold harmless the Area Agencies on Aging due to the impact of 2020 census changes on the distribution formula for federal Older Americans Act funding.

O. Out of this appropriation, $710,000 the first year and $710,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support twenty local Long Term Care Ombudsman programs at Area Agencies on Aging.

P. Out of this appropriation, $400,000 the first year shall be provided to the County of Fairfax to continue support to the Washington Area Villages Exchange for a pilot program to reduce the public health risk of social isolation among older Virginians by expanding the availability of Villages statewide. The Washington Area Villages Exchange shall report on the results of the pilot program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by September 1, 2027.

Q. Out of this appropriation, $50,000 the first year and $50,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to support Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia.