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## Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging

### Ohio's Area Agencies on Aging: Providing Better Aging Outcomes



- We are part of a national network of over 600 on-the-ground organizations in each state, mandated by the Older Americans Act, and charged with helping Americans thrive in our homes and communities as we age.
- We are mission-driven primarily not-for-profit organizations that operate a complex service delivery system that provides access to community-based, in-home and elder rights services to 300,000 older Ohioans and people with disabilities.
- We are granted by the Older Americans Act with the flexibility to ensure that our communities' local needs and preferences are taken into consideration and that the resulting local delivery system is tailored to our communities.
- We work with public and private partners to provide the right supports to promote independence and healthy aging. For example, we provide care management to 50,000 Ohioans.
- We manage over 4100 contracts with our local partners to deliver direct services, such as meals, transportation, personal care, and home modifications in all regions of the state.
- We have been the champions of promoting and expanding the use of home and community-based services for over 40 years, saving the state an estimated \$12 billion.

### Ohio's Longevity Era

We are all aging, and we are living longer. We are fortunate to be in a period of time where we can say that we are living longer and healthier lives.

In Ohio, we have the 6th largest population age 65 or older in the nation, and our ranks will continue to grow. By 2030, Ohio's population age 65 and older will increase by 40% compared to 2015.

How well we thrive as we age is really a question of how well-equipped our communities are to tap in to this resource by enabling us to be engaged participants. Everyone is more likely to enjoy positive aspects of aging like good health, personal growth, longevity and expanded productivity if we start to think a little differently about how we shape the places we live.

Area Agency on Aging programs provide dignity, self-determination, and quality of life for us as we age. We must ensure adequate funding and system resources are dedicated to the full spectrum of supports to enable us to live healthy, engaged and secure lives and access the supports we need in our homes and communities.



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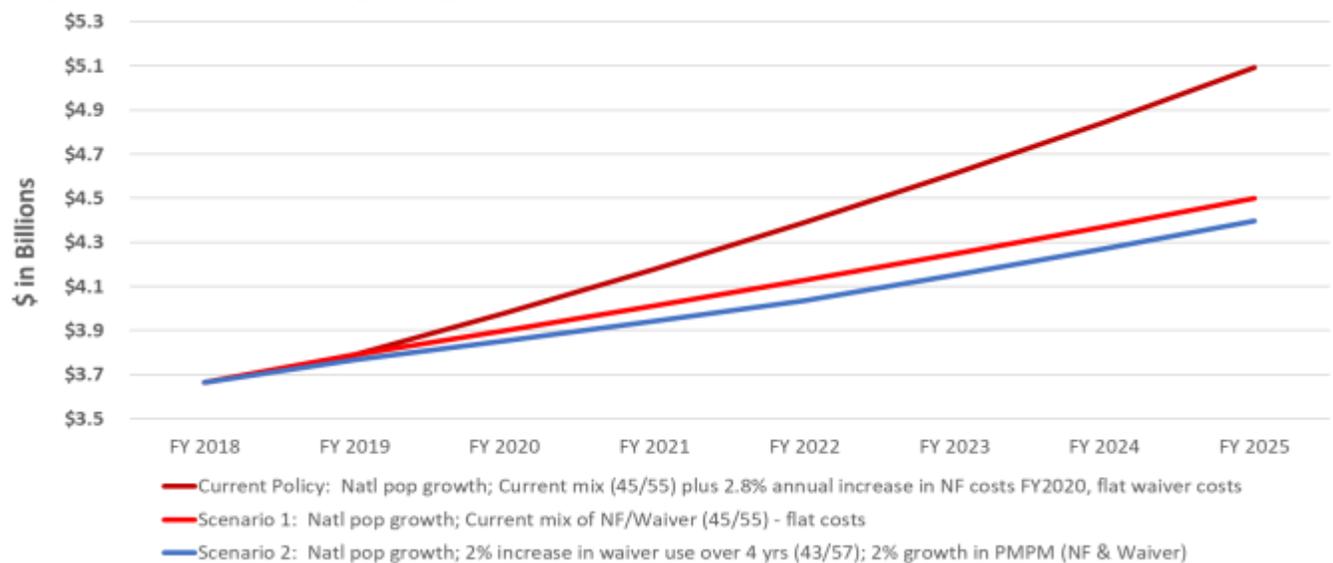
### Forward-Thinking Public Policy For Better Aging and Budget Outcomes

For 40 years, Area Agencies on Aging have expanded meaningful, cost-effective options to live healthy, engaged, secure lives in our homes and communities. Our efforts saved the state billions of dollars.

PASSPORT and Assisted Living are Medicaid Home and Community –Based (HCBS) waiver programs that have successfully enabled thousands of us to thrive in our homes and communities each year. We have promoted and implemented new services, improved access, and tested innovative approaches to expand and promote these programs.

Non-Medicaid services that address the social determinants of health for us as we age, such as Meals on Wheels, personal care aides, and transportation, also contribute to the success of better aging outcomes. The close-knit ties that Area Agencies on Aging have to our communities, and our expertise in leveraging new resources and ideas, has enabled us to make effective use of these important, but limited, non-Medicaid resources.

#### Projection: LTSS spending Using National Caseload Growth Rates and Current Policy



\*Graph taken from Nov, 2018 JMOC Actuary Presentation

Balancing long term services and supports options leads to better budget outcomes

In our Longevity Era, we are advancing smart and innovative solutions to promote better aging outcomes:

- New focus on transition: supports for going home from institutional care (HOME Choice; waivers)
- Build upon our successes: invest in home with increased rates, training and incentives so that we can have the right supports we need where we need them (direct care worker rate parity; assisted living rates)
- Support greater flexibility for and investment in non-Medicaid services to enhance community engagement and connection for us as we age and to delay Medicaid enrollment.