

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **An Act to Provide Funding to Area Agencies on Aging for Community-based Services and Programs to Support Older Adults**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on February 27, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and  
Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, GRIFFIN of Levant, MEYER of Eliot,  
SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: BICKFORD of Androscoggin,  
President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5114, sub-§2, ¶G**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 332, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 G. Any other services necessary for the general well-being of older persons; or

5 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §5114, sub-§2, ¶H**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 332, §2, is  
6 amended to read:

7 H. Services designed to assist older persons with maintaining their financial  
8 independence and avoiding financial exploitation, including personal financial  
9 management assistance; or

10 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §5114, sub-§2, ¶I** is enacted to read:

11 I. Case management and navigation services in accordance with the federal 1987 Older  
12 Americans Act, 42 United States Code, as amended.

13 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
14 allocations are made.

15 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
16 **Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**

17 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to address unmet needs of older adults through  
18 community-based services and programs delivered by the area agency in each of the State's  
19 coordinated community program areas. The appropriation must be distributed to the area  
20 agencies, based on priorities identified by local advisory councils to meet regional needs,  
21 through the intrastate funding formula to develop programs and deliver services necessary  
22 for the general well-being of older adults, including, but not limited to, in-home services,  
23 case management services, meals programs, wellness services, respite for caregivers,  
24 public education and outreach, volunteer services and information and referral services.

25 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
26 All Other	\$9,750,000	\$9,750,000
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28 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$9,750,000</u>	<u>\$9,750,000</u>

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill expands coordinated community programming for older adults to include case  
31 management and navigation services. It provides ongoing funding to develop programs and  
32 deliver services for older adults in each of the State's coordinated community program  
33 areas.