

Article 70B – Office on Aging

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(a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Area agency on aging” means the local agency designated by the Office on Aging, pursuant to the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, within a planning and service area to administer the delivery of a comprehensive and coordinated plan of social and other services and activities for the elderly.

(C) “CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES” MEANS SERVICES PROVIDED IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING THAT PROMOTE INDEPENDENT LIVING AND INCLUDE CONGREGATE MEALS, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PERSONAL SERVICES FOR:

(1) AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 62 YEARS OLD WHO HAS TEMPORARY OR PERIODIC DIFFICULTY WITH ONE OR MORE ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, LIKE FEEDING, BATHING, GROOMING, DRESSING, OR TRANSFERRING; AND

(2) THE SPOUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION WHO IS AT LEAST 55 YEARS OLD AND WHO HAS TEMPORARY OR PERIODIC DIFFICULTY WITH ONE OR MORE ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, SUCH AS FEEDING, BATHING, GROOMING, DRESSING, OR TRANSFERRING.

[(c)](D) “Interagency Committee on Aging Services” means the body designated in this article to oversee the coordination and consolidation of services for the elderly in this State.

[(d)](E) “Planning and service area” means a subdivision or subdivisions of the State designated by the Office on Aging, pursuant to the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, for the planning and administration of social, health, and other services for the elderly.

[(e) “Sheltered housing for elderly” means a form of residential environment consisting of independent living assisted by congregate meals, housekeeping, and personal services, for:

(1) An individual at least 62 years old who has temporary or periodic difficulty with one or more essential activities of daily living, like feeding, bathing, grooming, dressing, or transferring; and

(2) The spouse of an individual described in paragraph (1) of this subsection who is at least 55 years old and who has temporary or periodic difficulty with one or more essential activities of daily living, such as feeding, bathing, grooming, dressing, or transferring.]

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(b) With respect to [the sheltered housing for elderly] CONGREGATE HOUSING SERVICES, the Director shall: