

OLDER AMERICANS ACT: ✓
FEDERAL AND STATE AGREEMENTS: ✓

Community Affairs, Dept.

Certification of State Plan for
Effective Services to Older Mis-
sourian--Community Affairs.

OPINION NO. 437 - Answered by Lett-
er (DeFeo)

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Dear Mr. Rowley:

At your request we have reviewed the State Plan for Effective Services to the Older Missourian prepared pursuant to the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended (PL 89-73 and PL 90-42.)

The substance of this Plan has been previously reviewed by this office when the designated state agency was the Office of State and Regional Planning and Community Development (Opinion Letter No. 434, August 25, 1966,) the only difference in the present Plan being the changing of names necessitated by the re-designation of the State Agency. House Bill No. 129, of the 74th General Assembly created the Department of Community Affairs. House Bill No. 128 and House Bill No. 129, transferred the functions of the office of the State and Regional Planning and Community Development to the Department of Community Affairs.

Section 7, of House Bill No. 129, provides as follows:

"The Department shall be responsible for the implementation of the Older Americans Act in Missouri. This agency shall develop the State Plan describing a program for carrying out the Older Americans Act and shall be the sole agency responsible for coordinating all state programs related to the implementation of such Plan."

Based on the foregoing, it is our opinion that the Department of Community Affairs has been designated as the sole state agency responsible for administering the state plan and the Department has the authority to submit the state plan and to carry out the program therein, and that nothing in the state plan is inconsistent with the provisions of State Law.

Very truly yours,

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