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MEMORANDUM

TO: AAA Executive Directors **NOTICE #:** 032703-1-I-OVCS

FROM: Terry White
Secretary

DATE: March 26, 2003

SUBJECT: Notice of Transmittal: SHINE Awards for 2003/2004

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of our award procedures and program priorities for the **S**erving **H**ealth **I**nsurance **N**eeds of **E**lders (SHINE) program for the 2003/2004 grant year.

TERRY F. WHITE
SECRETARY

As in years past, we do not anticipate receiving the grant award from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) until after the new grant year begins (April 1, 2003). To ensure continuity of services during the transition from the 2002/2003 grant year, we will issue purchase orders to each area agency on aging to cover services for the month of April. The amount of each purchase order will be equal to approximately 1/12th of the actual contract amount for 2002/2003. These purchase orders will be provided to each AAA by March 31, 2003. Once we receive our federal grant award, we will prepare awards for each area agency on aging to cover services for the period from May 1, 2003-March 31, 2004. Based on our most recent feedback from CMS, we are anticipating level funding for the upcoming year.

SHINE program priorities for the 2003/2004 grant year will be as follows:

- Increasing services to underserved populations (beneficiaries who do not receive adequate health services due to barriers caused by culture and language, socioeconomic status, education, physical location, health status, age, disabilities, and health systems complexities)
- Implementing a new long-term care/retirement planning education and outreach program
- Expanding existing prescription assistance initiatives

We will provide further information on the SHINE awards and program priorities in the next 2-3 weeks. We appreciate your support of this valuable program and look forward to continuing to work with you in partnership to deliver Medicare and health insurance information, counseling and assistance to Florida's elders and their caregivers. If you have any questions about the 2003/2004 SHINE awards, please contact Tom Reimers at (850) 414-2150 or Shelia Kilpatrick at (850) 414-2340.

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