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To: AAA Executive Directors, PSAs 1-11  
From: Luis C. Morse, Acting Secretary *L. Morse*  
Subject: Use of Copayments in Community Care for the Elderly

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A memo sent to all AAA Executive Directors, dated May 9, 2001 transmitted a finding and recommendation made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Health and Human Services regarding the use of voluntary contributions and cost sharing under Title III of the Older American's Act. In order to be consistent with Federal regulations, the department also applied the same policy to use of copayments in the Community Care for the Elderly program effective July 1st.

The tragic events we experienced on September 11<sup>th</sup> continue to impact all facets of our normal operations. I have heard from many providers that competition for donations and local support has increased, making it very difficult and for some smaller providers impossible to raise the local match required to provide Community Care for the Elderly Services. The uninterrupted continuation of these essential services to the frail elder population is my foremost concern. I am therefore, placing a hold on implementation of this CCE policy for a period not to exceed two years, effective immediately. This will permit CCE providers to use CCE copayments to achieve match this fiscal year. CCE contracts will be amended.

The delay in implementation **does not** apply to the Older Americans Act. Providers must continue to comply with the OIG report transmitted with the May 9<sup>th</sup> memo and all Federal regulations regarding use of voluntary contributions and cost sharing under Title III of the Older American's Act.

Please notify your Lead Agencies of this change.