

Script for SE4A Legislative Priorities

Older Americans Act programs help older adults to live safely at home. Investing in Older Americans Act programs is more cost effective than paying expensive Medicare health claims or Medicare/Medicaid nursing home costs.

The Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging concurs with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging in recommending that Congress enact the Project 2020 proposal by providing the resources needed for long term care strategies authorized in the 2006 reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.

The three aspects of the proposal include:

- Person Centered Access to Information
- Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion programs
- Nursing Home Diversion services.

This three pronged program has the potential to reach over **40 million** Americans and to reduce Medicaid and Medicare costs by approximately **\$2.7 billion**.

In this region there are ____ persons over 60. Currently ____ older adults are impacted by Older Americans Act programs. The ____ number of baby boomers will require a ____ increase in funding in order to meet the needs of the growing population.

Insert your own local data in the blanks.