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# FOREWORD

When an older person has a need for a particular service, for example in-home health services, where can he turn for help? The answer, unfortunately, is "it all depends." Home health and supportive services are provided under medicare, medicaid, and the social services program under title XX of the Social Security Act, home health demonstration grants under the Public Health Service Act, the Older Americans Act, the Senior Companion and RSVP volunteer programs under ACTION, the Older Americans Community Service Employment program, Senior Opportunities and Services under the Community Services Act, and other statutes. All of this adds up to a bewildering maze of programs and regulations that is a nightmare for the elderly person trying to find his or her way through it.

This is just one example of the fragmented, inefficient, unmanageable, and incomprehensible way in which the Federal Government provides necessary benefits and services to the elderly. This problem of uncoordinated programs has been repeatedly cited as one of the major problems facing the elderly in Aging Committee hearings to date.

The charts in this booklet are intended to aid not only elderly persons trying to find their way through this maze, but Members of Congress, their staffs, State and local government officials, and persons in private agencies interested in the delivery of services and benefits to the elderly. The first 8 charts list 48 major Federal programs which benefit the elderly. The last two charts depict those House and Senate committees having responsibility in the field of aging and major areas of their jurisdiction.

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CLAUDE PEPPER,
*Chairman.*

January 2, 1979.

# FEDERAL PROGRAMS BENEFITING THE ELDERLY

## By Category and by Agency

| | EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | INDEPENDENT AGENCIES | | | | | | | |
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| | AGRI-CULTURE | | HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE | | | | | PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE | | | | | | H.U.D. | | | | JUSTICE | | LABOR | | D.O.T. | | ACTION | COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION | LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION | RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD | SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION | OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT | VETERANS ADMINISTRATION | |
| | Farmers Home Administration | Food and Nutrition Service | Administration on Aging | Health Care Financing Administration | Office of Education | Health Services Administration | National Institute on Aging | National Institute of Mental Health | Administration for Public Services | Social Security Administration | Office of Insured and Direct Loan Programs | Office of Assisted Housing | Community Planning and Development | Law Enforcement Assistance Administration | Employment Standards Administration | Employment and Training Administration | Urban Mass Transportation Administration | TREASURY Office of Revenue Sharing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT FOR OLDER AMERICANS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL GROUPS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES (SCORE) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | |
| VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA (VISTA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **HEALTH CARE** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HEALTH RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION OF FACILITIES (Hill Burton Prog.) | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CONSTRUCTION OF NURSING HOMES AND INTER-MEDIATE CARE FACILITIES | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GRANTS TO STATES FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (MEDICAID) | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PROGRAM OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED (MEDICARE) | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VETERANS DOMICILIARY CARE PROGRAM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | |
| VETERANS NURSING HOME CARE PROGRAM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | |
| **HOUSING** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY (sec. 202) | | | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (sec. 8) | | | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MORTGAGE INSURANCE ON RENTAL HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY (sec. 231) | | | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RURAL RENTAL HOUSING LOANS (sec. 515) | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LOW RENT PUBLIC HOUSING | | | | | | | | | | | ● | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RURAL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM (sec. 504) | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RURAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE (sec. 521) | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| **INCOME MAINTENANCE** | |
| CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT | ● |
| FOOD STAMP PROGRAM | ● |
| OLD AGE SURVIVORS INSURANCE PROGRAM (Social Security) | ● |
| RAILROAD RETIREMENT PROGRAM | ● |
| SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM | ● |
| VETERANS PENSION PROGRAM | ● |
| **SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS** | |
| CRIME PREVENTION (LEAA) | ● |
| EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE | ● |
| LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION | ● |
| MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CENTER FACILITIES | ● |
| NUTRITION PROGRAMS | ● |
| REVENUE SHARING | ● |
| SENIOR OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICES | ● |
| SOCIAL SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS (Title XX) | ● |
| STATE AND COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS (Title III) | ● |
| **TRAINING AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS** | |
| MODEL PROJECTS | ● |
| MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CENTERS OF GERONTOLOGY | ● |
| PERSONNEL TRAINING (Title IV-Older Americans Act) | ● |
| RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM (Title IV-Older Americans Act) | ● |
| RESEARCH ON AGING PROCESS AND HEALTH PROBLEMS | ● |
| **TRANSPORTATION** | |
| CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR USE BY PUBLIC AGENCIES | ● |
| CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR USE BY PRIVATE NON-PROFIT GROUPS | ● |
| REDUCED FARES | ● |
| CAPITAL AND OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANTS | ● |

# Federal Programs Benefiting the Elderly:

| Executive Agency Program | DEPARTMENT<br>Employment Standards Administration |
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| **Age Discrimination In Employment**<br>A.D.E. Act of 1967, as amended (29 U.S.C. 621) | Individuals aged 40 through 69 are protected from discrimination in employment because of age by most employers of 20 or more persons; employment agencies; and labor organizations with 25 or more members. There is no mandatory retirement age for most Federal employees. |
| **Community Based Employment and Training Programs**<br>Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, (29 U.S.C. 801) | |
| **Community Service Employment For Older Americans**<br>Older Americans Act, Title V (42 U.S.C. 3062, et seq.) | |
| **Employment Programs For Special Groups**<br>Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, (29 U.S.C. 801) | |
| **Foster Grandparent Program**<br>Domestic Volunteer Service Act (42 U.S.C. 5022, et seq.) | |
| **Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)**<br>Domestic Volunteer Service Act (42 U.S.C. 5022) | |
| **Senior Companion Program**<br>Domestic Volunteer Service Act (42 U.S.C. 5022, et seq.) | |
| **Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)**<br>Domestic Volunteer Service Act (42 U.S.C. 5033) | |
| **Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)**<br>Domestic Volunteer Service Act (42 U.S.C. 4991 et seq.) | |

# EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER

| OF LABOR<br>Employment and Training Administration | ACTION | SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION |
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| Funds are distributed to "prime sponsors" (States, Units of local government with populations of 100,000 or more) for providing work and training opportunities for persons of all ages wanting employment. | | |
| Secretary of Labor may contract with public and private non-profit agencies to develop and administer part-time employment opportunities in public service activities for low-income persons aged 55 or older. | | |
| Secretary of Labor may establish and operate training and employment programs for special groups, including older workers. | | |
| | Federal grants are awarded to public and private non-profit agencies for creating volunteer service opportunities for low-income persons aged 60 and older to render supportive services to children. Volunteers receive $1.60 per hour. | |
| | Federal grants are made to public or private non-profit agencies to establish or expand volunteer activities for the elderly; compensation for out-of-pocket expenses incidental to their services is provided. | |
| | Grants are awarded to public and private non-profit agencies for creating volunteer service opportunities for low-income persons aged 60 and older who wish to render supportive service to adults, usually senior adults. Volunteers receive $1.60 per hour. | |
| | | Retired professionals and businessmen assist persons with business-related problems through local SCORE chapters established by the Small Business Administration. |
| | Provides volunteer service opportunities for persons aged 18 or older in urban and rural poverty areas, on Indian Reservations, with migrant families, and in federally assisted institutions for the mentally ill and mentally retarded. Most older VISTA volunteers serve part-time. | |



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# Federal Programs Benefiting the Elderly:

| Executive Agency ▶ Program ▼ | HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND |
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| | Health Care Financing Administration |
| Health Resources Development Construction and Modernization of Facilities (Hill-Burton Program)<br>Public Health Services Act, Title XVI, (42 U.S.C. 291) | |
| Community Mental Health Centers<br>Community Health Centers Act, (42 U.S.C. 2681, et seq.) | |
| Construction of Nursing Homes and Intermediate Care Facilities<br>National Housing Act, as amended 1959, Section 232 (12 U.S.C. 1715 Z-1) | |
| Grants to States for Medical Assistance Programs (Medicaid)<br>Social Security Act, Title XIX, (42 U.S.C. 1396, et seq.) | Federal grants to states to cover 50-83% of costs of medical care for eligible low-income families and individuals. Within federal guidelines, states establish eligibility and scope of benefits. |
| Program of Health Insurance For the Aged and Disabled (Medicare)<br>Social Security Act, Title XVIII, (42 U.S.C. 1395, et seq.) | Provides coverage of specified health care services for persons aged 65 or older and eligible disabled persons.<br>Part A (Hospital Insurance), covers hospital & post hospital skilled nursing home care and home health services. Part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance), subject to premiums, covers physicians and other specified outpatient services. |
| Veterans Domiciliary Care Program<br>(38 U.S.C. 5001-5002)<br>(38 U.S.C. 641-643) | |
| Veterans Nursing Home Care Program<br>(38 U.S.C. 5031-5037)<br>(38 U.S.C. 641-643) | |

| HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND |
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| Health Services Administration |
| Federal formula grants and loans are made to public and private agencies, and to State governments for construction, expansion or modernization of long-term care institutions, and other out-patient and inpatient facilities. Federal share of project cost determined by designated State agency. |
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# HEALTH CARE

| WELFARE<br>National Institute of Mental Health | HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT<br>Office of Insured and Direct Loan Program | VETERANS ADMINISTRATION |
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| Federal grants are provided to States to establish community mental health centers which provide comprehensive mental health services to low-income persons of all ages. | | |
| | Federal government insures loans to non-profit agencies or individual sponsors to finance the construction, rehabilitation or equipment supply of certified nursing homes or intermediate care facilities. | |
| | | Federal funds for federal facilities; and project grants to States to construct and rehabilitate domiciliary care facilities for veterans. Facilities provide medical and personal care in residential type setting to aged and disabled veterans not requiring hospitalization; the program provides payments to facilities for provision of such services. |
| | | Federal funds for federal facilities, and grants to States for construction of homes providing nursing home care to veterans, and for covering medical care services for veterans receiving such care. |

# Federal Programs Benefiting the Elderly:

| Executive Agency Program | HOUSING<br>Office of Insured and Direct Loan Programs |
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| **Housing For the Elderly**<br>The Housing Act of 1959, as amended, Sec. 202 (12 U.S.C. 1715 Z-1) | Federal loans for construction or rehabilitation of multifamily rental housing for elderly (age 62 and over). Tenants may qualify for rent supplements under the Section 8 program. |
| **Low and Moderate Income Housing**<br>The Housing Act of 1937, as amended, Sec. 8 (42 U.S.C. 1437 f) | Provides housing assistance payments for low-income persons and families who cannot afford "decent and sanitary housing in the private sector." Rent supplements cover the difference between the community's fair market rent down to 15-25% of the tenants' adjusted income. |
| **Mortgage Insurance on Rental Housing For the Elderly**<br>The Housing Act of 1959, as amended, Sec. 231 (12 U.S.C. 1715) | Federal government insures against loss on mortgages for the construction and rehabilitation of multifamily rental housing for the elderly (aged 62 or over) or disabled whose income is higher than the low or moderate income level. |
| **Rural Rental Housing Loans**<br>Housing Act of 1949, as amended Sec. 515 (49 U.S.C. 1485) | |
| **Community Development (Block Grant Program)**<br>Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title I, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4501, et seq.) | |
| **Low Rent Public Housing**<br>U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1401-1435) | Local housing authorities receive federal loans to aid in the purchase, rehabilitation, leasing or construction of multifamily housing for low income families, individuals aged 62 and over, and handicapped individuals. Housing designed for the elderly may have congregate dining rooms and other special features. Rents may not be more than 25% of the family's income. |
| **Rural Home Repair Program**<br>Housing Act of 1949, as amended, Sec.504, (42 U.S.C. 1474) | |
| **Rural Rental Assistance**<br>Housing Act of 1949, as amended, Sec. 521 (42 U.S.C. 1490a) | |

# HOUSING

| AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT | | AGRICULTURE |
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| Office of Assisted Housing | Community Planning and Development | Farmers Home Administration |
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| Responsible for management of Section 8 rent subsidy program. | | |
| Responsible for management of Section 231 mortgage insurance program. | | |
| | | Federal government makes direct, and guaranteed insured loans to construct, improve or repair rental or cooperative housing in rural areas for low income persons including senior citizens aged 62 or over. The multifamily housing may have congregate dining and other congregate facilities. |
| | Formula grants to urban communities, based on poverty population and other economic and population factors, for variety of community development activities including construction of senior citizens centers. | |
| Responsible for management of public housing program. | | |
| | | Federal loans and grants to low-income homeowners age 62 and over to repair or rehabilitate their homes so as to remove dangers to their health and safety. |
| | | Provides rental assistance payments to low-income families in FmHA financed multifamily housing who would otherwise have to pay more than 25% of their income for rent. |

# Federal Programs Benefiting the Elderly:

| Executive Agency / Program | HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE | | |
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| | Office of Education | Administration on Aging | Administration for Public Services |
| **Crime Prevention (LEAA)**<br>Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) | | | |
| **Educational Opportunities for Older Persons**<br>Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended, Title VIII. (20 U.S.C. et seq.) | There is authorized matching grants to State and local educational agencies, and other public agencies and nonprofit organizations for planning, establishing, expanding, and operating community education programs.<br>Special programs for particular target groups, such as older persons, are included among the specifically authorized community education activities | | |
| **Legal Services Corporation**<br>Legal Services Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 2996) | | | |
| **Multipurpose Senior Centers**<br>Older Americans Act as amended 1973, Title III (42 U.S.C. 3021, et seq.) | | State and area agencies on aging may award grants for purchasing, acquiring, altering or for the construction of a facility to serve as a multipurpose service center. | |
| **Nutrition Program for the Elderly**<br>Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, Title III (42 U.S.C. 3051) | | Formula grants through State and area agencies on aging to public and private non-profit agencies to establish and operate low-cost group meals and home-delivered meals for elderly persons 60 years old and older and their spouse of any age. | |
| **Revenue Sharing**<br>State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 (31 U.S.C. 1221, et seq.) | | | |
| **Senior Opportunities and Services**<br>Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as amended, Title II, Sec. 222(a)(8) (42 U.S.C. 2809, et seq.) | | | |
| **Social Services for Low-Income Persons and Public Assistance Recipients**<br>Social Security Act, as amended, Title XX (42 U.S.C. 1361-1371) | | | Formula grants to state welfare agencies to establish and operate social service programs for individuals meeting state income limitations. Services for the elderly may include information and referral services, home health care services, nutrition and other support services. |
| **State and Community Programs**<br>Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, Title III (42 U.S.C. 3021-3025) | | Formula grants to States to develop a comprehensive social service delivery system; establish area agencies on aging; and fund directly social services when otherwise inaccessible. | |

# SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

| COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION | TREASURY<br>Office of Revenue Sharing | LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION | JUSTICE<br>Law Enforcement Assistance Administration |
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| | | | Formula grants available through State criminal justice planning agencies may be used to provide for activities to prevent crimes against the elderly; LEAA discretionary grants, including those available through its Office of Community Anti-Crime Programs, may be used for similar purposes. |
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| | | Project grants to private non-profit organizations, universities, and Bar-sponsored organizations to provide legal services in low-income neighborhoods for those who cannot afford such services on their own. | |
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| | Direct payments to state and local governments based on a formula including population, poverty incidence, and state-local tax effort. Local governments may use these funds for 8 categories of services, including social services for the poor and elderly. | | |
| Grants are made available to community action agencies which fund projects providing economic, health and employment services and activities for low-income elderly not adequately served by more general programs under C.S.A. | | | |
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# Federal Programs Benefiting the Elderly: INCOME MAINTENANCE

| Executive Agency / Program | AGRICULTURE<br>Food and Nutrition Service | U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION<br>Bureau of Retirement, Insurance and Occupational Health | HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE<br>Social Security Administration | RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD<br>Bureau of Retirement Claims | VETERANS ADMINISTRATION<br>Compensation and Pension Service |
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| **Civil Service Retirement**<br>Civil Service Retirement Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 8331, et seq.) | | Principal retirement system for federal civilian employees; financed by employee contributions matched by employing agency plus congressional appropriations. Provides monthly retirement disability benefits based on past earnings and length of service to eligible individuals and their survivors. | | | |
| **Food Stamp Program**<br>Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended. (17 U.S.C. 2016-2025) | Low income families and individuals may receive monthly food stamp allotments, varying with income and household size. Elderly and other homebound persons may exchange food stamps for home-delivered meals. Elderly and certain disabled persons may use food stamps in certain congregate programs. | | | | |
| **Old-Age, Survivors Insurance Program (Social Security)**<br>The Social Security Act, as amended Title II (42 U.S.C. 401, et seq.) | | | Financed through the payroll tax on employees, employers, and self-employed persons. Social Security pays monthly cash benefits to retired or disabled workers, their dependents, and survivors; Entitlement and level of benefits is based on past covered earnings. Wage earners are eligible for retirement benefits at age 65 or may opt for permanently reduced benefits at age 62. | | |
| **Railroad Retirement Program**<br>Railroad Retirement Act 1935, as amended (45 U.S.C.351-367) | | | | Financed through a payroll tax on employees and employers. Monthly benefits are paid to retired workers (their wives and survivors) after 10 years employment in carrier railroad employment. Coverage for individuals with less than 10 years service is transferred to the Social Security System. | |
| **Supplemental Security Income Program**<br>Social Security Act, as amended Title XVI (42 U.S.C. 1381, et seq.) | | | Aged, blind and disabled persons with limited resources, are guaranteed a minimum income by the Federal Government ($189.40 monthly per individual, $284.10 per couple). Most states supplement Federal payments. SSI benefits are reduced by a fraction of earnings. | | |
| **Veterans Pension Program**<br>(38 U.S.C. 501, et. seq.) | | | | | Provides monthly cash benefits to veterans aged 65 or older with at least 90 days military service, including 1 day wartime service and who meet income limitation requirements. Benefits are also paid to designated survivor. Benefits vary according to veteran's annual income. |

# Federal Programs Benefiting the Elderly: TRAINING AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS

| Executive Agency / Program | DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE | | | |
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| | Administration on Aging | Health Care Financing Administration | National Institute on Aging | Office of Education |
| **Model Projects**<br>Older Americans Act, as amended, Title IV (42 U.S.C. 3021, et seq.) | Federal project grants to develop projects designed to demonstrate new or improved methods of providing needed services to older people, focusing especially on housing, transportation, education, pre-retirement counseling and special services for older handicapped persons. | | | |
| **Multi-Disciplinary Centers of Gerontology**<br>Older Americans Act, as amended, 1973, Title IV-C (42 U.S.C. 3021, et seq.) | Grants to public and private non-profit agencies and institutions to establish or support centers for such activities as training personnel, research and demonstration projects, and consultation services. | | | |
| **Personnel Training**<br>Older Americans Act, as amended, Title IV-A. (42 U.S.C. 3041-3042) | Project grants for training persons employed or preparing for employment in the aging field and for publicizing available career opportunities in the field of aging. | | | |
| **Research and Demonstration Programs**<br>Older Americans Act, as amended, Title IV-B (42 U.S.C. 298-d, et seq.) | Project grants for research and demonstration projects involving the living patterns and living standards of the elderly and delivery of services to them including long-term care services. | | | |
| **Research on Aging Process and Health Problems**<br>Public Health Service Act, as amended, Title IE (42 U.S.C. 298-d, et seq.) | | | Conducts and supports research relating to biological, behavioral and sociological aspects of the aging process and the special health problems of the elderly. | |

# Federal Programs Benefiting the Elderly: TRANSPORTATION

| Executive Agency / Program | DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION<br>Urban Mass Transportation Administration |
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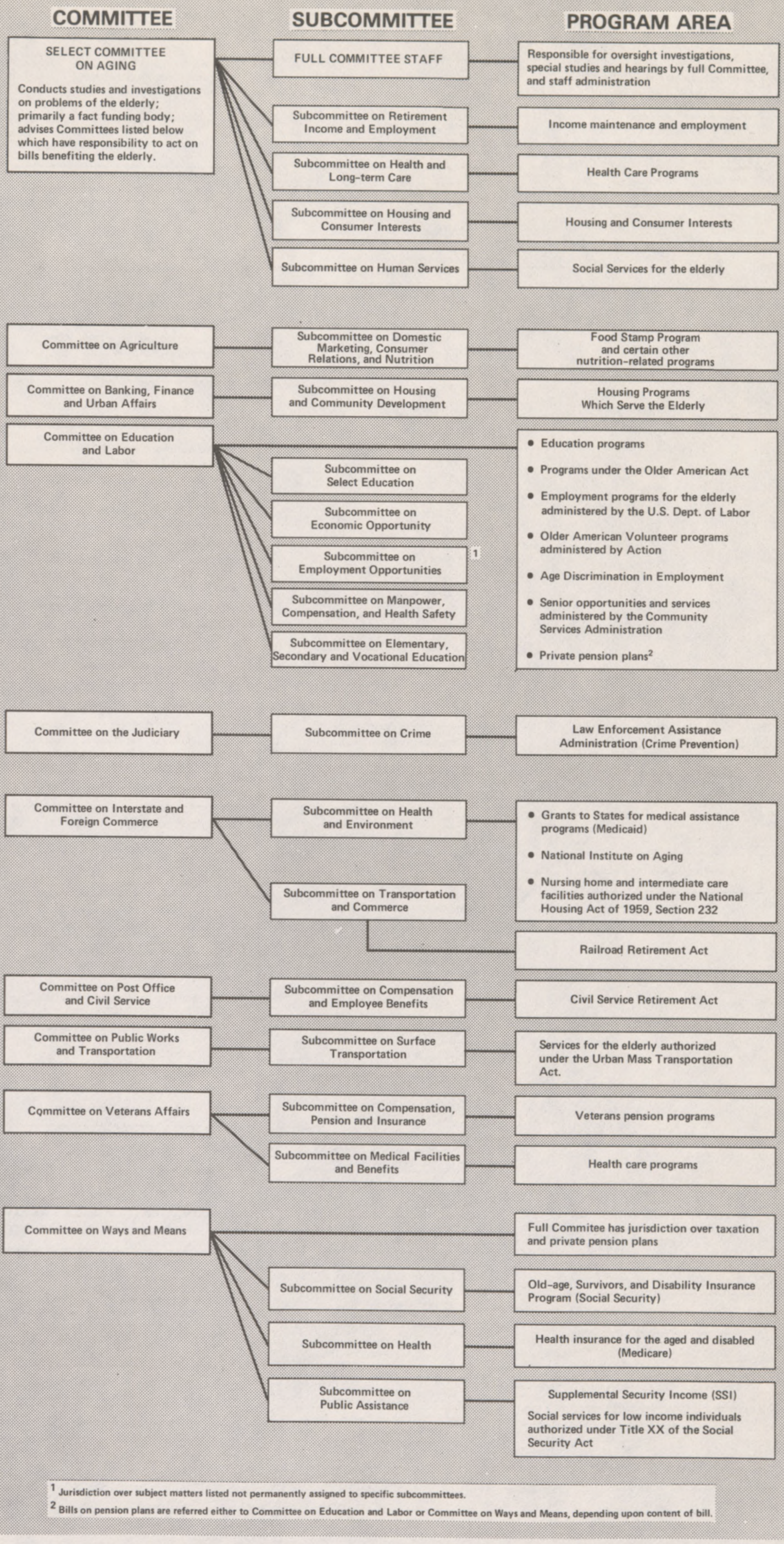
| **Capital Assistance Grants for Use by Public Agencies**<br><br>Urban Mass Transportation Act, as amended, Sec. 16(B)(1)(49 U.S.C. 1612) | Up to 2% of the annual allotment for capital assistance grants may be set aside for local public agencies for the acquisition of transit vehicles, equipment and facilities. Grants may be used to meet special transportation needs of elderly and handicapped individuals.<br><br>The 2 % funding limitation applies to both public and private nonprofit agencies (see Sec. 16 (B)(2) below). Thus far, funds have been awarded only to nonprofit groups as public agencies qualify for funding under Sections 3, 5 and 9 of UMTA. |
| **Capital Assistance Grants for Use by Private Non-Profit Groups**<br><br>Urban Mass Transportation Act, as amended, Sec. 16(B)(2)(49 U.S.C. 1612) | Up to 2% of the annual allotment for capital assistance grants may be set aside for private non-profit groups to provide mass transportation services for elderly and handicapped individuals. |
| **Reduced Fares**<br><br>Urban Mass Transportation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1602 et seq.) | Mass transportation companies who receive federal funds for either capital or operating expenses must charge elderly and handicapped individuals no more than half fare during off-peak hours. |
| **Capital and Operating Assistance Grants**<br><br>Urban Mass Transportation Act, as amended, Sec. 3, 5 and 9(49 U.S.C. 1601 et. seq.) | Grants to local public agencies are awarded under Section 3 for the acquisition and construction of mass transit vehicles; under Section 5 for capital and operating expenses; and under Section 9 for planning. These grants may be used for special services for the elderly. |

# HOUSE COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES WITH JURISDICTION OVER AREAS RELATED TO THE ELDERLY




[1] Jurisdiction over subject matters listed not permanently assigned to specific subcommittees.

[2] Bills on pension plans are referred either to Committee on Education and Labor or Committee on Ways and Means, depending upon content of bill.

# SENATE COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES WITH JURISDICTION OVER AREAS RELATED TO THE ELDERLY

