



Side-by-Side Summaries of Positive Aging Act Language in Bills to Reauthorize the Older Americans Act (OAA)

POSITIVE AGING ACT (H.R. 2629/S. 1116) AMENDMENTS TO OAA	SENATE BILL OLDER AMERICANS ACT ADMENDMENTS OF 2006 (S. 3570)	HOUSE BILL SENIOR INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 2006 (H.R. 5293)
<p><i>Establish Office of Older Adult Mental Health Services</i></p>	<p><i>Does not include Positive Aging Act language to establish Office of Older Adult Mental Health Services</i></p>	<p><i>Does not include complete Positive Aging Act language to establish Office of Older Adult Mental Health Services</i></p> <p>Instead, amends Section 201 (Establishment of Administration on Aging) of OAA to provide that the Secretary MAY designate an officer or employee who shall be responsible for the administration of mental health services authorized under this Act</p>
<p><i>Establish Grants to States for Programs to:</i></p> <p><i>(A) Provide Mental Health Screening and Treatment Services for Older Adults</i></p> <p><i>(B) Increase Public Awareness, Reduce Stigma, and Reduce Age Related Prejudice Regarding Mental Disorders in Older Adults</i></p>	<p><i>Includes Positive Aging Act language establishing Grants to States for (A) and (B)</i></p> <p>Amends Section 419 (Multidisciplinary Centers) of OAA to authorize competitive state grants program for the development and operation of:</p> <p>(A) systems for the delivery of mental health screening and treatment services for older individuals who lack access to such services</p> <p>(B) programs to increase public awareness and reduce stigma and age-related prejudice/discrimination regarding mental disorders in older adults</p>	<p><i>Does not include complete Positive Aging Act language establishing Grants to States for (A) and (B)</i></p> <p>Instead, amends Section 411 (Grant Programs) of OAA to authorize grants for:</p> <p>(A) building public awareness of cognitive impairment such as Alzheimer's disease/related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction, depression, and mental disorders</p> <p>(B) developing and enhancing multidisciplinary systems for the delivery of mental health screening and treatment referral services to improve access to community-based mental health services for older individuals</p>

	Also includes Positive Aging Act language regarding application, state allocation and priorities, area coordination of services with other providers, relationship to other funding sources, and definitions of mental health screening and treatment	Amends Section 306 (Area Plans) of OAA to increase public awareness of mental health disorders, remove barriers to diagnosis and treatment, and coordinate mental health services provided (including mental health screenings) Amends Section 419 (Multidisciplinary Centers) of OAA to provide training and technical assistance to support the provision of community-based mental health services for older individuals
<i>Establish Demonstration Projects Providing Mental Health Screening and Treatment Services to Older Adults in Rural and Urban Areas</i>	<i>Does not include Positive Aging Act Rural or Urban Mental Health Demonstration Project language</i> Instead, amends Section 414 (Health Care Service Demonstration Projects in Rural Areas) of OAA in subsection (a), by inserting `mental health care,' after `adult day health care,`; and in subsection (b)(1)(B)(i), by inserting `mental health,' after `public health'	<i>Does not include Positive Aging Act Rural or Urban Mental Health Demonstration Project language</i> Instead, amends Section 414 (Health Care Service Demonstration Projects in Rural Areas) of OAA in subsection (a) by inserting `mental health services,' after `care,', and in subsection (b)(1)(B)(i) by inserting `mental health,' after `health,'