

Title 19—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
Division 15—Division of Senior and Disability Services
Chapter 4—Older Americans Act

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

19 CSR 15-4.180 Area Agency on Aging Advocacy Responsibility. The department is amending sections (1) and (2).

PURPOSE: This amendment updates terminology and legal authority.

*PURPOSE: This rule requires the area agency **on aging** to carry out activities to advocate in the interest of [the elderly] **older adults**.*

(1) The area agency **on aging** shall serve as the advocate for [the elderly] **older adults** in the planning and service area by performing at least the following activities:

(A) Monitor, evaluate and comment on all policies, programs, hearings, levies and community actions which affect older [persons] **adults**;

(B) Solicit comments from the public on the needs of older [persons] **adults**;

(C) Represent the interests of older [persons] **adults** to public officials, public and private agencies or organizations;

(D) Carry out activities in support of the [division's] **department's** long-term care ombudsman program; and

(E) Coordinate planning with other agencies and organizations to promote new or expanded benefits and opportunities for older [persons] **adults**.

(2) The area agency **on aging** shall develop and implement written policies and procedures that describe how it carries out advocacy activities.

*AUTHORITY: section[660.050] **192.2000**, RSMo[1986] **2016**. * This rule was previously filed as 13 CSR 15-6.115 and 13 CSR 15-4.180. Original rule filed Jan. 6, 1986, effective April 30, 1986. Moved to 19 CSR 15-4.180, effective Aug. 28, 2001.*

**Original authority: 660.050, RSMo 1984, amended 1988.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Senior and Disability Services, Melanie Highland, Division Director, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570. Telephone: (573) 526-3626. Email: DSDSDirectorsOffice@health.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*