

**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 15-4.280 Ombudsman Services.** The department is amending the purpose statement and section (1).

*PURPOSE: This amendment updates terminology and statutory authority.*

*PURPOSE: This rule requires the area agency **on aging** to support the statewide [l]Long-[t]Term [c]Care [o]Ombudsman program and establishes criteria for funding local programs.*

(1) The area agency **on aging** shall conduct ombudsman activities that support the division administered [l]Long-[t]Term [c]Care [o]Ombudsman program. The area agency **on aging** may award funds for the provision of a [l]Long-[t]Term [c]Care [o]Ombudsman program and that award shall be based on a consideration of the degree to which the ombudsman service provider has—

(C) Developed a plan for informing and serving the [elderly]**older** residents of the identified facilities; and

*AUTHORITY: sections[660.050] 192.2000 and 192.2310, RSMo[1986] 2016.\* This rule was previously filed as 13 CSR 15-6.185 and 13 CSR 15-4.280. Original rule filed Jan. 6, 1986, effective April 30, 1986. Moved to 19 CSR 15-4.280, effective Aug. 28, 2001.*

\*Original authority: 660.050 RSMo 1984, amended 1988, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995.

*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: DSDDirectorsOffice@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.*