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Subject: Clarification from the October 29th AAA/ADRC Meeting

Dear PSA and AAA/ADRC Directors;

The LGOA would like to thank everyone who participated in the AAA/ADRC Directors meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2014. These quarterly meetings provide an excellent opportunity for the LGOA and the PSAs to discuss important matters in an open setting, thus affording the opportunity for everyone to publicly present their views and opinions, while seeking solutions that can assist in moving the aging network forward.

As a result of a topic discussed during the meeting, the LGOA would like to take this opportunity to provide some much needed clarification. The LGOA has not established a new policy for setting a fixed radius/distance for group dining participants. The LGOA is researching ways to best utilize limited transportation funds to ensure clients are getting to the doctor or to the store for essential needs. It is the LGOA's policy to formally announce all policy changes via PSAHelp@aging.sc.gov or through the Policies and Procedures Manual.

During the meeting, there was a discussion on the possibility of setting a radius around group dining sites for transportation. A suggestion of a six mile radius was discussed. The meeting participants provided their views on this proposal, including their support of the concept, and their concerns over the number of miles. As a result of this

dialogue, the LGOA and PSAs agreed that a six mile radius would not meet the needs of the state at this time.

Instead, the PSAs were asked to work with their providers to ensure that transportation units are spent wisely, giving priority to medical appointments and life-sustaining shopping. These essential trips are beneficial in sustaining independence and safety for those seniors who wish to remain living at home.

Again, the LGOA thanks everyone who participated in the October 29th meeting. We believe that these meetings are very useful, and staff appreciates the feedback provided by the PSAs. The LGOA looks forward to future meetings in 2015.

Thank you for sharing the LGOA's goal of enhancing the lives of South Carolina's seniors and adults with disabilities.

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