

West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services



State Agency Mission

To be West Virginia's premier advocates for the provision of in-home and community-based services for the State's seniors and others served by our programs. To be faithful stewards of the federal and state monies entrusted to our care for the provision of services throughout West Virginia.

Populations Served

- Older Adults**
- Adults with Physical Disabilities
- Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries
- Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

Organizational Structure

The director is appointed by the Governor and oversees a staff of 36 FTE.

Local Network

- 4** Area Agencies on Aging
- 3** Independent Living Centers

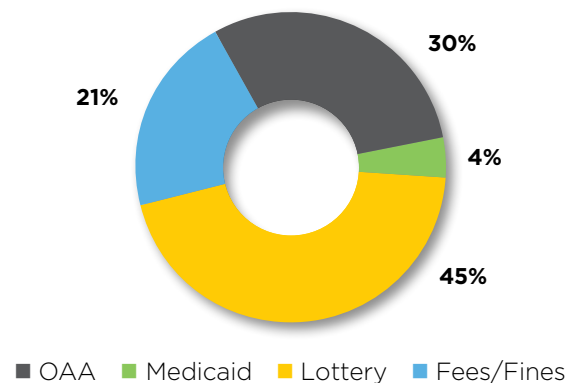
Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

1. Delivering Services Remotely during COVID
2. COVID-related Closures of Providers
3. Workforce Shortage
4. Providing Transportation
5. Senior Hunger

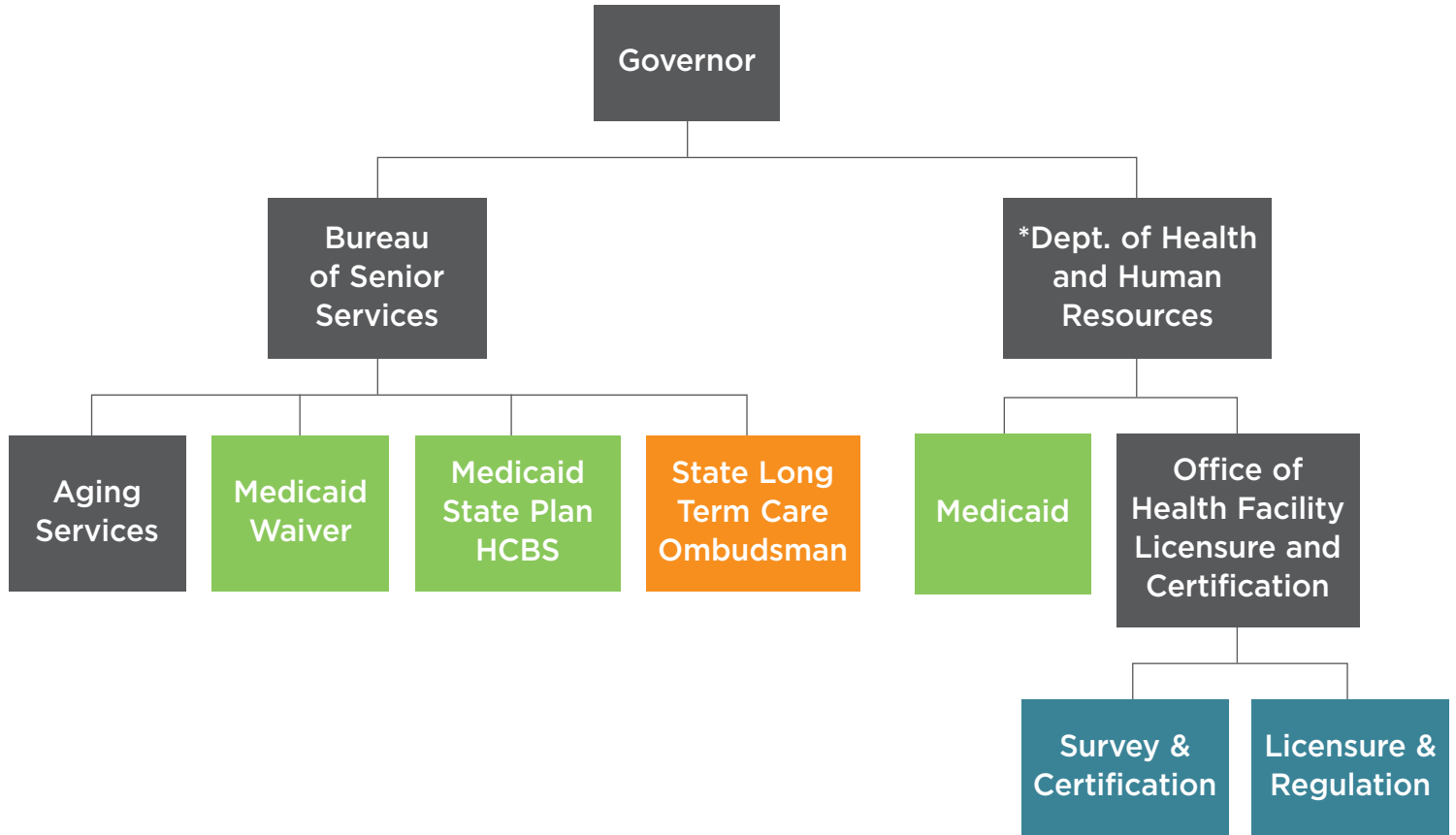
Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$48,832,624

The Division administers Medicaid HCBS programs, but the direct services are funded by the Medicaid department and are not reflected below.



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- Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
- Medicaid Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- Provider Regulation and Oversight
- Advisory Board
- Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship.
- * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

Responsibilities of West Virginia’s Bureau of Senior Services

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	✓
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	✓
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	✓
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	
Serve as state guardian	
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	
Manage No Wrong Door system	

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	✓
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	✓
Administer PACE program	
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	
Administer PASRR	
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	✓

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	
License institutional providers	
Regulate HCBS providers	✓
License HCBS providers	✓
Certify Assisted Living providers	

Key State Initiative

The Summer Feeding Assistance Program was announced by West Virginia Governor Jim Justice in June, 2020 in response to COVID-19 as an effort to ensure that all West Virginians who need help with food do not go hungry and to improve coordination among state, federal and community nutritional resources. The West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services implemented this program within each county in West Virginia supplying boxes containing five meals to seniors and eligible household members on a regular basis.

The response and need for the program for seniors in West Virginia was so overwhelming, that it extended beyond the summer months and continued through the publication of this document. As of February 2021, 304,160 meals have been provided to seniors and eligible household members through this program.

An interactive map was also created through a team effort with the WV Bureau of Senior Services, the WV Department of Education, the WV National Guard, the WV Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and United Way to help connect people to food resources across the state. The map can be found at www.wvtourism.com/west-virginia-strong

