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- 1) Eliminate the separate funding streams for Title III congregate and home delivered meals. The AAAs should have the discretion to determine the service area to use the funds based on clients needs.
- 2) Transportation is a vital necessity for all of our aging population. There is not enough funds available to meet the growing need. Even though we use Title III-B funding, it still remains inadequate. The rural areas are in great need of additional accessible transportation.
- 3) Review the age requirement for grandparents raising grandchildren in the National Family Caregiver Program. All age groups who raise grandchildren and/are in poverty need resources to meet their needs.
- 4) When reauthorizing, please consider the goals and objectives of the Project 2020.
- 5) If evidenced based programming is the way of the future in Disease Prevention and Health Promotion ... funding should be increased to implement the services of the program, not just to train the trainer.
- 6) Nutrition Guidelines are too strict, clientele feedback recommends that a variety of choices been implemented instead of trying to meet the RDA requirements.
- 7) No more unfunded mandates.
- 8) Continue to build on the Aging and Disability resource centers. Funding is needed to fully initiate these centers.