State of Michigan Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

BUREAU OF AGING, COMMUNITY LIVING, AND SUPPORTS

FY2023-2025 Multi Year Plan

FY 2023 Annual Implementation Plan

Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging

FY 2023

Service Name/Definition			
Gap Filling: Services that eliminate a threat to independence, health or safety that requires immediate attention when other resources are unavailable.			
Rationale (Explain why activities cannot be funded under an existing service definition.)			
This regional service is requested to ensure that there are flexible, cost effective, responsive and person-centered services available in the region to meet the needs of older adults. The intent is to offer immediate relief to an individual who has a unique service need and are usually one-time or intermittent in nature. These "gap filling" services/goods promote independence, safety, and health of the individual.			
Fund Source		Unit of Service	
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Minimum Standards

- 1. Services/goods shall be based on intake/assessment conducted by Information & Assistance staff, outreach staff, and/or care consultants.
- 2. Staff will verify the lack of availability under other programs/agencies and community resources.
- 3. Consumers will be encouraged to cost share for gap filling services.
- 4. Services can include home modifications and environmental aids, personal care training, private duty nursing, specialized medical equipment, chore services, utility assistance, supplies and other services deemed necessary to reduce risk to the older adult.
- 5. Consumers do not need to be enrolled in the Community Living Program (Care Management) to receive gap filling services.
- 6. The internal process for approval of gap filling will include the AAA Director's approval for use of funding for gap filling services.

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