

## About Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan

### **Serving the community since 1974:**

Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM) is a private, nonprofit corporation. It was named an "area agency on aging" in 1974 by the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (Lansing).

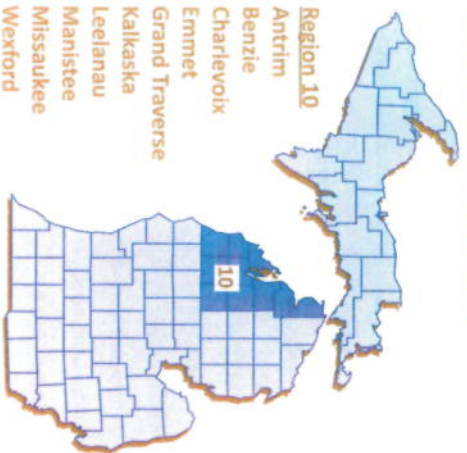
**Part of a network:** As one of more than 600 area agencies on aging nationwide, AAANM is responsible for developing, managing and funding a network of services in Northwest Lower Michigan.

**Serving ten counties:** Residents in each of the ten counties in Northwest Lower Michigan are represented on the AAANM Board of Directors and Board of Advisors. The ten counties are:

- Antrim
- Benzie
- Charlevoix
- Emmet
- Grand Traverse
- Kalkaska
- Leelanau
- Manistee
- Missaukee
- Wexford

**Funding from various sources:** AAANM receives State and Federal funding through agreements with the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). AAANM also applies for grants, requests local support funds from each of the ten County governments and receives contributions and memorials from clients, caregivers and the general public.

## Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan



The mission of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan is to serve and advocate for older persons, adults with disabilities and caregivers by supporting their independence, dignity and quality of life.

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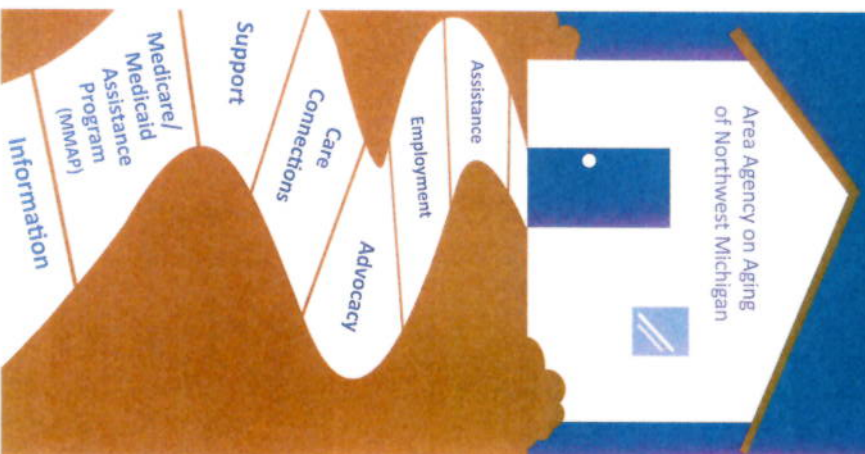
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## Find the Right Path to Support Your Independence



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## AAANM's Primary Responsibility...ADVOCACY

### **Advocacy efforts include:**

- being a source of information about aging services and programs
- providing input on decisions that impact the quality of life for older adults
- participating on boards and in groups that work to address the needs of older adults

## Planning and Program Development for efficient use of funding

AAANM gathers information from a variety of sources to help identify needs of older adults. The information is used to develop the Area Plan. This Area Plan outlines funding priorities and guides the development of new programs that are funded with state and federal dollars.

The Area Plan can be viewed at [www.aaanm.org](http://www.aaanm.org).

## Services Available through AAANM

**Care Connections.** A division of AAANM that offers a full array of support services.

- **Information and Assistance:** Connects customers with a wide variety of services and resources. An Information Specialist assists by telephone, e-mail or in person by appointment.
- **Options Consultation:** Offers guidance on the various long term care options that are available. This includes developing a plan that will meet care needs and information on how these options are funded.
- **Caregiver Support:** Directs to resources and supports that are specific to the needs of a Caregiver.
- **Care Management:** Guides adults over age 60 who have long term care needs to resources that help support care in the community. Limited funding is available to help pay for services.
- **MI Choice Waiver Program:** Coordinates a plan that supports adults over age 18 who are eligible to have Medicaid pay for their long term care in a community setting. Medicaid dollars help fund this plan.
- **Nursing Home Transition Services:** Assists Medicaid eligible adults to develop a plan for returning to

community living. Medicaid dollars help fund this plan.

- **Long Term Care Ombudsman:** Works with individual residents to resolve problems and promote high quality care in long term care settings.

## Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP).

Health benefit counseling services for people with Medicare and/or Medicaid, including information about prescription drug programs.

## Senior Employment Program.

Employment assistance and advocacy for eligible, low income adults age 55+.

## Coordinating Services in the 10-County Region

AAANM coordinates funding for a number of services that benefit older adults.

AAANM contracts with local organizations to provide these services. AAANM is responsible for monitoring these services to ensure that federal and state funds are properly used. Services include:

- Adult Day Care
- Congregate and Home Delivered Meals
- Legal Services
- Kinship Care

## Connecting with Services in the Community

There are also locally funded services which help support older adults. These services are available through County Commissions (or Councils) on Aging. Services vary in each county but may include:

- Information and Assistance
- Respite Care
- Homemaking
- Personal Care Assistance
- Transportation
- Home Chore

## Aging Services Nationwide

AAANM is part of the national aging services network. Additional information about services across the U.S.A. is always available by contacting Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 or [www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov).

## Eligibility, Cost of Services and Contributions

**Eligibility** for programs is based on several factors, including age, medical/health care needs, financial guidelines and availability of funding.

**Cost** for services is also based on specific program guidelines. Contact AAANM to learn details about programs.

Persons who receive services through AAANM are given the opportunity to contribute toward the cost of the services. Contributions and memorial gifts made to Area Agency on Aging are appreciated. To learn how to make a contribution, contact AAANM at 800-442-1713 or [www.aaanm.org](http://www.aaanm.org).



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