

Department of Health and Social Services

**Division of Services for Aging and
Adults with Physical Disabilities**



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Accomplishments

State Plan on Aging Progress

Older Americans Act (OAA) Final Rule Compliance

Waitlist Reduction and Service Coordination



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Accomplishment



- Innovative, on-demand transportation for DSAAPD clients with no other options
- Statewide access with up to 24 one-way rides per month
- Supports medical appointments, essential services, and community engagement
- Customized rides address mobility, sensory, and cognitive needs
- Promotes independence, prevents isolation, and supports community living
- Demonstrates excellence and innovation in meeting critical access gaps



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FY 2027 Governor’s Recommended Budget (\$ in Millions)

	GF	ASF	NSF	Total
FTEs	536	0	25	561
Dollars (\$)	\$76,811.0	\$3,677.5	\$12,995.2	\$93,483.7



Budget Definitions:

- GF – General Funds
- ASF – Appropriated Special Funds
- NSF – Non-Appropriated Special Funds
- FTEs – Full-Time Equivalent Positions

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(\$ in Thousands)

	GF	ASF	NSF	Total
PAS	\$383.3	\$184.7	\$0	\$568.5



Abbreviations:

PAS – Personal Attendant Services

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Looking Ahead

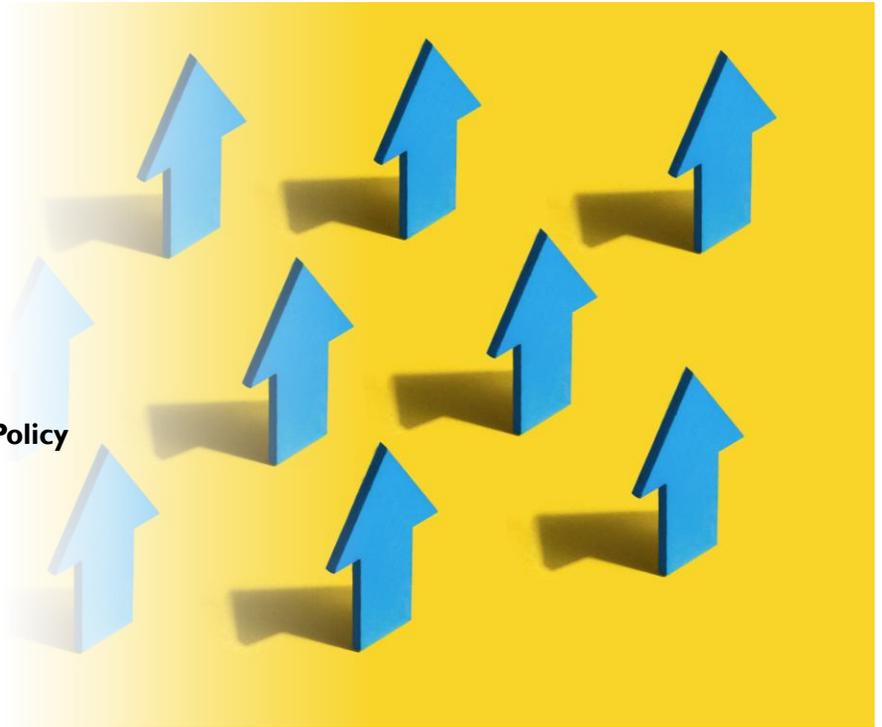
- Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill (DHCI) New Facility Build
- Outreach/Education/Access



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Looking Ahead

- Population Trends – Growing Older Population
- Federal Funding & Policy Impacts



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