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AAA4 BULLETIN

TO: AAA4 Funded Programs	**NO:** **A4B2026-06**
SUBJECT: Federal Changes to Minimum Data Requirements for RESTRICTED Services	
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PURPOSE OF BULLETIN: [X] Amend Policy or Procedure [ ] Clarification [ ] Information	
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The purpose of this Bulletin is to document policy and procedural changes that have already been noticed and adopted pursuant to 2023 ACL RUCA Code Guidance and 2024 OMB Statistical Policy Directive No. 15.

As of July 1, 2026, funded programs providing Restricted Services are required to comply with the federal data reporting changes described herein. This Bulletin is specific to Funded Programs providing Restricted Services; separate bulletin addresses Registered and Non-Registered Services. Currently, AAA4 is only funding Restricted services under Titles III-B as shown below.

Service Category	Service Unit	Data Classification
Title III-B Legal Services	Hours	Restricted

Summary of Changes

Race and Ethnicity

Revised to align with the "2024 OMB Statistical Policy Directive No. 15," race and ethnicity will be updated as follows:

- Race and ethnicity are now combined into one question.
- "Middle Eastern or North African" has been added to the Race/Ethnicity question.
- "Hispanic or Latino" will be added to the Race/Ethnicity question.

Note: The recent change combining the Race and Ethnicity questions has not yet been implemented in the current GetCare system. All funded programs will be notified once the system has been updated to reflect these changes.

Rural Designation

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) requires that rural designation be determined by using Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) codes and the Rural Health Research Center's (RHRC) aggregations. GetCare will be updated with the following changes:

- Revised to align with "2023 ACL RUCA Code Guidance," rural designation was updated from "urban" to "non-rural."
- The RUCA code file was updated using 2020 Census data in December 2025, which resulted in changes to the rural/non-rural designation for some zip codes.
- RUCA codes no longer used by USDA were removed from the list.

County	ZIP Code	Changed To	County	ZIP Code	Changed To
Placer	92060	Non-rural	Yolo	92352	Rural
Placer	92086	Non-rural	Yolo	93207	Rural
Yuba	93205	Non-rural	Yolo	95606	Rural
Yuba	93226	Non-rural	Yolo	95607	Rural
Yuba	93287	Non-rural	Yolo	95627	Rural
Yuba	95903	Non-rural	Yolo	95637	Rural
Placer	93451	Rural	Yolo	95645	Rural
Placer	95701	Rural	Yolo	95653	Rural
Placer	95703	Rural	Yolo	95679	Rural
Placer	95714	Rural	Yuba	92317	Rural
Placer	95715	Rural	Yuba	92368	Rural
Placer	95717	Rural	Yuba	95919	Rural
Placer	95736	Rural	Yuba	95922	Rural
Sutter	95676	Rural	Yuba	95925	Rural
Sutter	95957	Rural	Yuba	95935	Rural
			Yuba	95962	Rural
			Yuba	95972	Rural
			Yuba	95981	Rural

Any Funded Partner that is not already collecting this client information must begin doing so immediately. Funded Partners must ask clients to provide this information; however, clients are not required to provide it to them in order to receive services. Hence "Decline to State" is also an acceptable response for the data fields above. If no "Decline to State" option exists, simply leave the field blank.

To help Funded Partners develop fully compliant intake forms, AAA4 produces resource documents entitled Minimum Data Requirements that are intended to align with the sequence of fields as they appear in GetCare. Updated versions for Title III-B are attached. Alternatively, Funded Partners may refer to similar guidance and templates provided by the California Department of Aging via the Title III Intake and Assessment Forms Guide; this is available at: https://aging.ca.gov/Providers_and_Partners/Area_Agencies_on_Aging/Reporting/. Questions should be directed to AAA4's Data Team at datacollection@agencyonaging4.org.