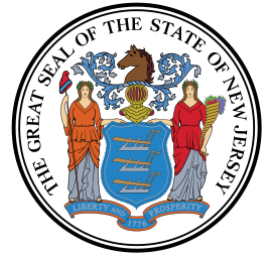


New Jersey Division of Aging Services



State Agency Mission & Vision

Mission: The Division of Aging Services, in collaboration with our network partners, strives to provide benefits and supportive services in an accessible, coordinated and responsive manner to maximize consumer independence.

Vision: The Division of Aging Services ensures that all New Jersey seniors, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers are valued, their choices respected and their needs addressed through a streamlined systems of benefits, services and supports.

Populations Served

- Older Adults**
- Adults with Physical Disabilities
- Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries
- Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorders
- Other:** The NWD System of Access serves all populations, all payers.

Organizational Structure

The director is hired by a higher ranking official, but serves at the convenience of the Governor, and oversees a staff of 300 FTE.

Local Network

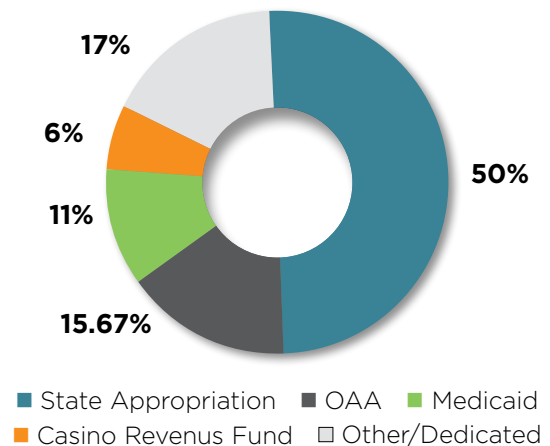
- 21** Area Agencies on Aging
- 10** Independent Living Centers

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

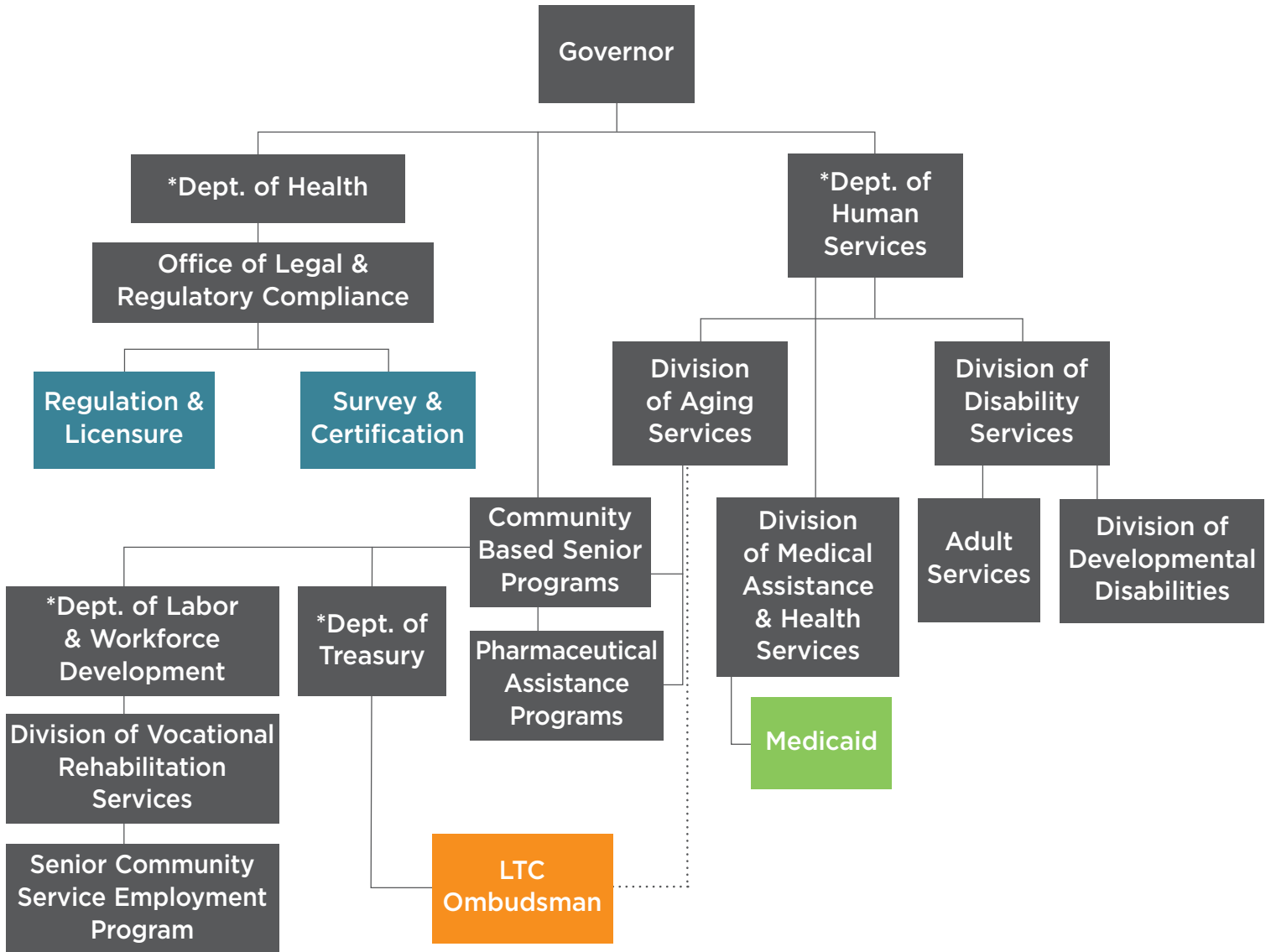
1. COVID-related Closures of Providers
2. Mitigating Social Isolation
3. Workforce Shortage
4. Senior Hunger
5. Lack of Affordable Housing

Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$320,170,000



New Jersey Division of Aging Services



- Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
- Medicaid Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- Provider Regulation and Oversight
- Advisory Board
- Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship.
- * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

Responsibilities of New Jersey’s Division of Aging Services

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	✓
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	✓
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	✓
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	✓
Serve as state guardian	✓
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	
Manage No Wrong Door system	✓

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	
Administer PACE program	✓
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	✓
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	
Administer PASRR	✓
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	✓
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	✓

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	
License institutional providers	
Regulate HCBS providers	✓
License HCBS providers	
Certify Assisted Living providers	

Key State Initiative

NJSave

The Division of Aging services recently launched, and continues to expand, NJSave, a single online portal in English and Spanish that streamlines the benefit application process for aging and disabled residents. NJSave allows older residents to apply for Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled, the Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program, Medicare Savings Programs, Lifeline Utility and Tenants Assistance, Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled, and to be screened for numerous other programs. Together, these benefits can save seniors around \$3,000 every year.

In addition to accepting thousands of new applications and increasing our overall application rate, the Division received the national Innovations in Benefits Outreach Award from the Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities and The National Council on Aging for this important new tool called NJSave.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/paad/>

