

Source AoA Older Americans Act
Section 315(b)

(b) VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Voluntary contributions shall be allowed and may be solicited for all services for which funds are received under this Act **if** the method of solicitation is non-coercive. **Such contributions shall be encouraged for individuals whose self-declared income is at or above 185 percent of the poverty line, at contribution levels based on the actual cost of services.**

(2) LOCAL DECISION.—The area agency on aging shall consult with the relevant service providers and older individuals in agency's planning and service area in a State to determine the best method for accepting voluntary contributions under this subsection.

(3) PROHIBITED ACTS.—The area agency on aging and service providers shall not means test for any service for which contributions are accepted or deny services to any individual who does not contribute to the cost of the service.

(4) REQUIRED ACTS.—The area agency on aging shall ensure that each service provider will—

- (A) provide each recipient with an opportunity to voluntarily contribute to the cost of the service;
- (B) clearly inform each recipient that there is no obligation to contribute and that the contribution is purely voluntary;
- (C) protect the privacy and confidentiality of each recipient with respect to the recipient's contribution or lack of contribution;
- (D) establish appropriate procedures to safeguard and account for all contributions; and
- (E) use all collected contributions to expand the service for which the contributions were given **and to supplement (not supplant) funds received under this Act.**