

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN PLANNING AND SERVICE AREA
(PSA) BOUNDARIES FOR OLDER AMERICANS ACT
AGING PROGRAMS IN GEORGIA**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES

Dear Sir or Madam:

Residents of Screven County, the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) planning and service area, Coastal Georgia planning and services areas, older adults, and others will have an opportunity to attend a Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR), Division of Aging Services (DAS) public hearing to give their input on a request for a change in regional boundaries that, if designated, would move Screven County from the Central Savannah River Area planning and service area (PSA 8) to the Coastal Georgia planning and service area (PSA 12). (See maps below for current PSA designations.) **The hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 from 10:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. at the Screven County Senior Center located at 104 S. Main Street, Sylvania, GA 30467.**

For additional information concerning the proposed planning and service area (PSA) boundaries changes and how to submit your comments, please contact the DHR Division of Aging Services, at telephone number (404) 657-5319. The PSA boundary change notice and synopsis can be found online at www.dhr.state.ga.us/aging The TTY # for persons with hearing impairment is (404) 657-1929.

Written comments and other written materials regarding the request for a change in PSA boundaries should be sent to: Doris M. Clanton, Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Aging Services, at dclanton@dhr.state.ga.us or mailing address c/o Two Peachtree Street, N.W., 9th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303 no later than 5:00 P.M., December 26, 2006.

The federal Older Americans Act requires all state agencies on aging to designate planning and service area boundaries. The current regional map (see below) contains Georgia's current planning and service areas. Federal law requires that the Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Aging Services designate planning and service boundaries for aging programs. Current counties within the Central Savannah River Area region (PSA 8) include: Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, **Screven**, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington, and Wilkes. The Coastal Georgia region (PSA 12) includes: Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long and McIntosh counties.

Synopsis:

The Screven County Board of Commissioners requested that Screven County be removed from the Central Savannah River Area planning and service area and designated within the Coastal Georgia planning and service area.

The process for the Division's consideration of a change in its designation of planning and service areas is based upon federal Older Americans Act requirements. (*Public Law 89-73, 42 U.S.C.A. §3001, et seq.*) The Division, as the State Agency on Aging designated according to federal law, must assess the impact of the requested change on affected regions and the state, with input from older adults, area agencies on aging, service providers, and other stakeholders.

The Division of Aging Services will reach its findings and conclusions considering the following in accordance with requirements of the Older Americans Act:

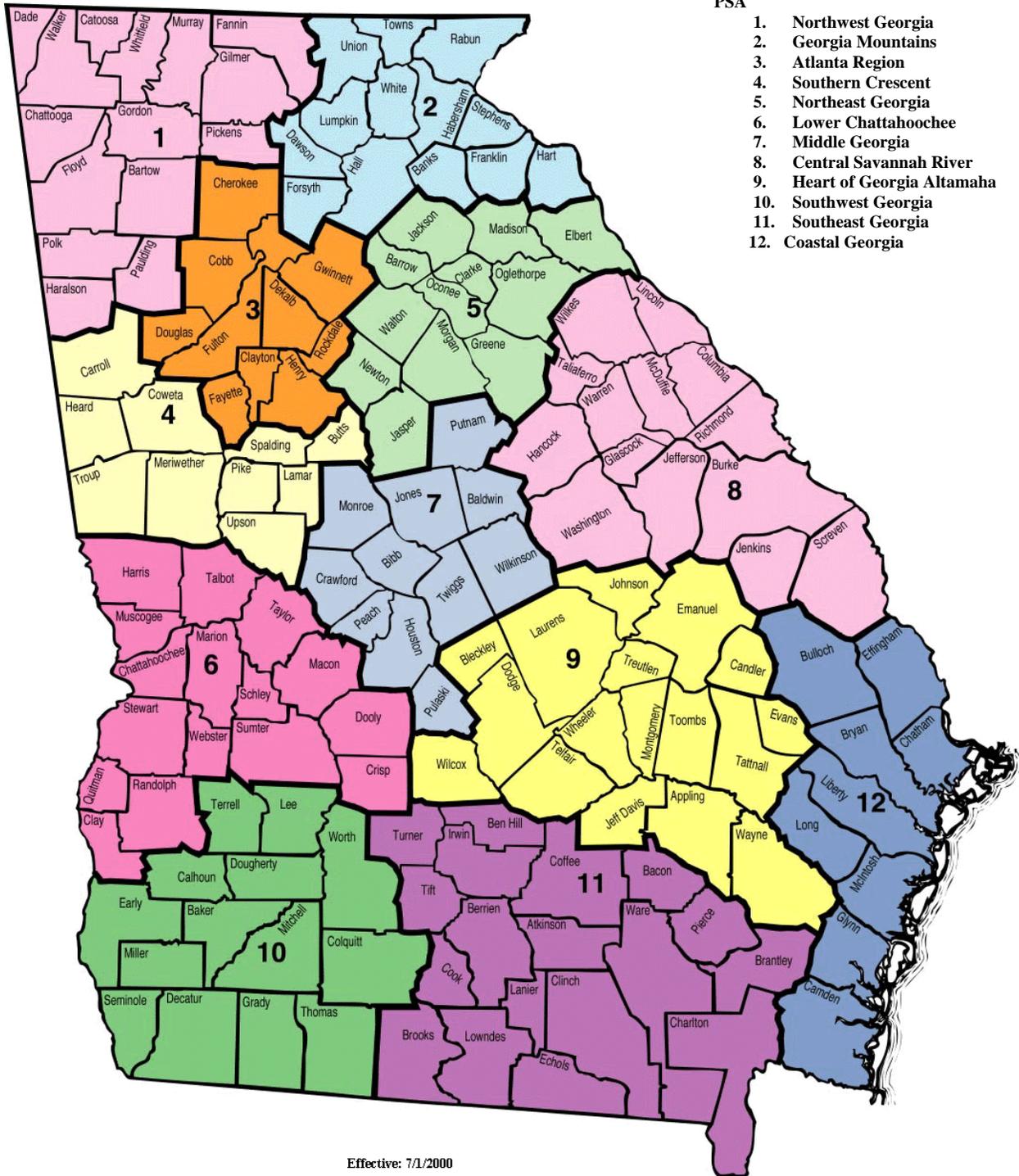
- **all facts and comments presented pursuant to notice and comment period;**
- **the distribution of the state's and the affected region(s)' adult 60+ population, including those with incomes below poverty and including the specific number and percent of those persons in greatest economic and social need;**
- **the views of public officials of the units of general purpose local government in the affected areas;**
- **the projected impact of the proposed action on clients within the affected areas;**
- **and other aging service considerations.**

DAS, in partnership with the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), administers: the Community Care Services Program (CCSP), which provides home and community-based Medicaid services to help nursing home-eligible consumers remain in their homes, including Adult Day Health, Alternative Living Services, Emergency Response Services, Home Delivered Services, Respite Care, Personal Support Services, and Home Delivered Meals; non-Medicaid Home and Community Based Services that provide 47 individual and group services to assist older eligible Georgians remain in their homes; Adult Protective Services, which investigates reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of disabled adults and older persons within the community; Elder Rights and Advocacy programs that include legal services, elder abuse prevention, and health insurance counseling through the GeorgiaCares program; and the Senior Community Service Employee Program, which provides training for unemployed low-income Georgia seniors age 55 and older and helps them obtain paid employment.

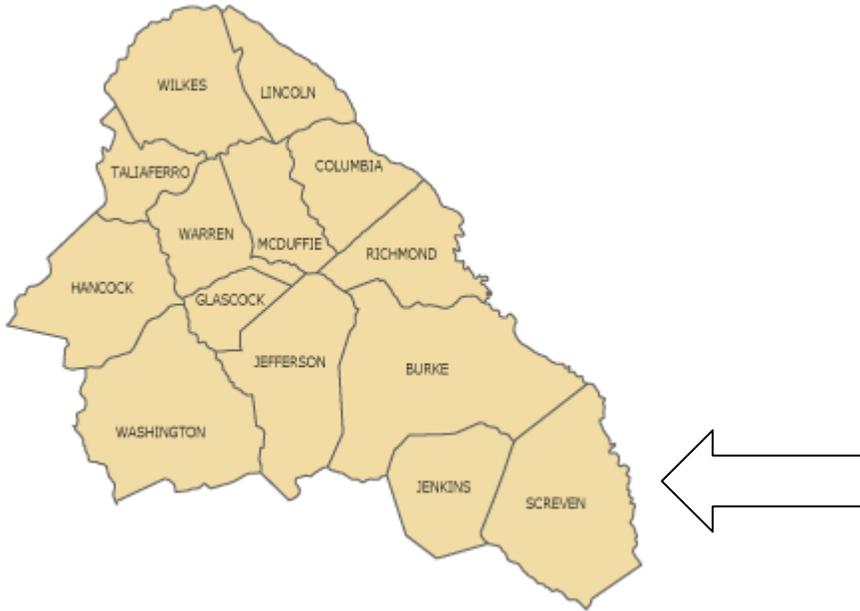
The DHR Division of Aging Services solicits your comments, data or argument for or against the requested PSA boundaries changes. Your comments may be made in writing by mail or other delivery to the staff designated above within thirty (30) days of the above notice date. Comments may be sent by e-mail to Doris Clanton at dclanton@dhr.state.ga.us . To be timely, the written comments must be received at the Division of Aging Services no later than 5:00 P.M., December 26, 2006.

Division of Aging Services

Planning and Service Areas



Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) Region (PSA 8):



Coastal Georgia Region (PSA 12):

