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To: Tribal Leaders
From:  Bill Moss, Assistant Secretary
Subject: Annual Tribal-ALTSA-HCS-AAA Summit

The Department of Social and Health Services (Department), Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA) is excited to share details about the upcoming Annual Tribal-ALTSA-AAA 2-Day Summit. This annual summit is an opportunity for our respective organizations to come together and work towards improving access to culturally relevant long-term services and supports across our state.

The Summit will continue to work toward the multi-phased project goals of the Money follows the Person Tribal Initiative (TI) and the work outlined in 7.01 plans to:

- Strengthen the ability of state Medicaid programs to respond to the unique needs of tribal communities while acknowledging the relationship between state, federal and tribal governments;
- Design, manage, and provide culturally-appropriate long-term services and supports for tribal people in their community;
- Improve seamless access to Medicaid funds and services; and
- Reduce the use of institutional services.

On Thursday, November 1 and Friday November 2, 2018 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, Washington, this year's summit will build upon previous summits and the Tribal Initiative work. As with past summits, we will incorporate the annual Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Home and Community Service and Tribal Fall Meeting with the Tribal Initiative to take full advantage of the gathering.

The Tribal Initiative works in collaboration with tribes, urban Indian health organizations, other state agencies, and county-based AAAs to expand contracting opportunities to Tribes/Recognized American Indian Organizations (RAIOs) in support of sustainable, culturally relevant delivery of long-term services and supports, to strengthen relationships across organizations and further the goals highlighted in 7.01 plans. There are more than 1,230 self-identified AI/ANs, representing more than 140 federally recognized Tribes, receiving ALTSA-delivered long-term services and supports in Washington.

Through concerted efforts, the following expanded options are in place or in discussion with Tribes/RAIOs. Integral to the success of our work is the partnerships with the DSHS Office of Indian Policy, the Health Care Authority and the AAAs.

Contracts for:

- Non-emergency Transportation
- In-home Personal Care Agencies
- Adult Day Services
- Kinship Care/Respite Services
- Home Delivered Meals
- Health Home Care Coordination
- In-home staff trainers

Construction/contracting of

- Adult Family Homes/Assisted Living

Infrastructure strengthening

- Updated contract language to recognize sovereignty of Tribes
- Development of billing guides
- Exploration of 100% federal Medicaid match and enhanced payment rates

Having diverse representation at this summit is a key to its success and we hope you will join us. A registration form is included and available through the following link: Register on-line at:

<https://www.123signup.com/register?id=hdskc>

For this event, the Tribal Initiative grant will provide funding for lodging for one representative per Tribe and one representative per RAIO. Rooms at the Great Wolf Lodge are available at the state rate.

We are also requesting volunteers from Tribes, RAIOs, AAAs and ALTSA to assist in building an agenda for the Summit. If you are interested in helping to plan the Summit please contact Ann Dahl, MFPTI Project Manager, ALTSA, at (360) 725-3489 by July 1, 2018. A draft agenda will be available in September 2018.

Please contact Ann Dahl, MFPTI Project Manager, ALTSA, at phone number (360) 725-3489 or email DahlA@dshs.wa.gov or Marietta Bobba, Tribal Affairs Administrator, ALTSA, at phone number (360) 725-2618 or email bobbam@dshs.wa.gov with questions or for additional information. We will share more details over the summer months.