



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
PO Box 45010, Olympia, WA 98504-5010

August 3, 2018

Dear Tribal Leader,

Subject: Consumer Directed Employer Project

In accordance with section 1902(a)(73)(A) of the Social Security Act regarding the solicitation of advice on Medicaid matters likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations, the Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (the Department) hereby seeks your advice on the following matter.

Purpose

The Department intends to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), mandated by passage of Washington Substitute Bill (SSB) 6199 to establish a Consumer Directed Employer to serve as the legal employer for the in-home services Individual Provider (IP) workforce. The RFP will be issued on or about October 1, 2018.

The goals of the Consumer Directed Employer project are to:

- Transfer the administrative functions and responsibilities of IP management from the Department and Area Agency on Aging case management staff to the Consumer Directed Employer.
- Increase availability of Department and Area Agency on Aging case management to clients for individual assessment, service planning, plan monitoring and working to maintain their health and wellbeing.
- Maintain all essential qualities of client self-direction including selection, management/ supervision and dismissal of their worker.

Tribal Roundtables & Consultation: Consumer Directed Employer			
Meeting	Date	Time	Location and Webinar Registration
Roundtable 1	August 15, 2018	9am - 10am	ALTSA Headquarters 4450 10 th Ave SE Lacey WA 98506 https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8446123261596207363
Roundtable 2	September 4, 2018	9am - 10am	ALTSA Headquarters 4450 10 th Ave SE Lacey WA 98506 https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6059455152624810243
Consultation	September 11, 2018	9am - 10am	ALTSA Headquarters 4450 10 th Ave SE Lacey WA 98506 https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1642542121499835651

For those who cannot attend in person, we are offering webinar access (registration links for each meeting are provided above). Those that wish to participate by telephone (without the webinar), are asked to please register for the webinar. A telephone number will be sent electronically upon registration.

An informational session was held during the July 2018 IPAC-ALTSA-DDA-BHA subcommittee meeting. The meeting handout is attached. We will distribute more information prior to August 15, 2018.

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Programs/Urban Indian Health Programs
ALTSA anticipates that this change will have no impact that is specific to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Medicaid applicants or enrollees, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations. No current contracts with Tribal Governments or Urban Indian Health or Social Service Programs will be affected by the CDE however, we would appreciate the opportunity to hear input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Marietta Bobba, ALTSA Tribal Affairs Administrator at (360) 725-2618 or bobbam@dshs.wa.gov or myself at (360) 725-2311 or Bill.Moss@dshs.wa.gov .

Thank you for the work you do to support individuals in need throughout our state. The Department values the government-to-government relationship we have to improve services and access to and delivery of services to American Indians/Alaska Natives.

Sincerely,



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Aging and Long-Term Support Administration



Evelyn Perez, Assistant Secretary
Developmental Disability Administration

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