



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

April 3, 2018

Dear Tribal Leader,

SUBJECT: Passage of Washington State Senate Bill 6199. Request for Tribal representative on the Consumer Directed Employer Strategic Development Group.

The Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA) has been directed through the passage of [Washington State Senate Bill 6199](#) to contract with a Consumer Directed Employer (CDE) to be the legal employer of individual providers and perform administrative functions related to providing personal care, respite care, and other services to individuals with functional disabilities.

The Consumer Directed Employer Strategic Development Group will be an advisory group and a sounding board during the implementation of the CDE program. AL TSA is requesting a tribal representative to participate in the newly forming Strategic Development Group.

As tribes and recognized American Indian Organizations begin to provide in-home personal services, participation in the group will provide an opportunity for input into the development of the program for individual providers.

The monthly two-hour meeting will take place at the AL TSA Headquarters address 4450 10th Avenue Southeast, Lacey Washington, 98503, with the option to participate through go-to meetings links. The first meeting is on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Opportunities for broader input from tribal representatives will be possible through regional forums, webinars and focus groups.

Key elements of the legislation include:

- Authorizes the Department of Social and Health Services to contract with a CDE as the legal employer of individual providers and perform administrative functions related to providing personal care, respite care, and other services to individuals with functional disabilities.
- Retains the role of the person receiving the services of an individual provider as the managing employer with the authority to select, hire, schedule, supervise, and dismiss an individual provider.
- Establishes a rate-setting board and a process to set labor rates for payments to individual providers and an administrative rate paid to the CDE.

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Please contact Marietta Bobba, Tribal Affairs Administrator, if you would like more information or want to volunteer as a tribal representative to the Consumer Directed Employer Strategic Development Group. She can be reached at 360-725-2618 or bobbam@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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