

 <p>Washington State Department of Social & Health Services <i>Transforming lives</i></p>	<h2>AAA AGREEMENT</h2> <h3>Veteran Directed Care</h3>	DSHS CONTRACT #: 2469-58377
This Agreement is by and between the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Contractor identified below, and is issued pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, chapter 39.34 RCW.		Program Contract Number Contractor Contract Number: KC-554-24
CONTRACTOR NAME Kitsap County	CONTRACTOR DBA Kitsap County Division of Aging & LTC	
CONTRACTOR ADDRESS 614 Division St MS23 Pt. Orchard, WA 98366-4676		CONTRACTOR DSHS INDEX NUMBER 1076
CONTRACTOR CONTACT TELEPHONE (360) 337-5624	CONTRACTOR FAX (360) 337-5747	CONTRACTOR E-MAIL ADDRESS sasmith@kitsap.gov
DSHS ADMINISTRATION Aging & Long Term Support Admin	DSHS DIVISION Division of Home And Community Services	DSHS CONTRACT CODE 1028LS-69
DSHS CONTACT NAME AND TITLE Lexie Bartunek Program Manager	DSHS CONTACT ADDRESS 4450 10th Ave SE Lacey, WA 98503	
DSHS CONTACT TELEPHONE (360)725-3548	DSHS CONTACT FAX Click here to enter text.	DSHS CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS bartuqa@dshs.wa.gov
IS THE CONTRACTOR A SUBRECIPIENT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRACT? No		ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBERS
CONTRACT START DATE 10/01/2024	CONTRACT END DATE 09/30/2027	MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT Fee For Service
ATTACHMENTS. The following Exhibits are attached to and incorporated into this Interlocal Agreement by reference: <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits (specify): No Data Security Exhibit A, Statement of Work The terms and conditions of this Agreement are an integration and representation of the final, entire, and exclusive understanding between the parties superseding and merging all previous agreements, writings, and communications, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement. The parties signing below represent that they have read and understand this Agreement, and have the authority to execute this Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding on DSHS only upon signature by DSHS.		
CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE 	PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine T. Walters, Chair	DATE SIGNED 11/25/24
DSHS SIGNATURE 	PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Jennifer Albertson, Contracts Manager	DATE SIGNED 12/9/24

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1. **Amendment.** This Agreement, or any term or condition, may be modified only by a written amendment signed by both parties. Only personnel authorized to bind each of the parties shall sign an amendment.
2. **Assignment.** Except as otherwise provided herein, the AAA shall not assign rights or obligations derived from this Agreement to a third party without the prior, written consent of the DSHS Contracts Administrator and the written assumption of the AAA's obligations by the third party.
3. **Client Abuse.** The AAA shall report all instances of suspected client abuse to DSHS, in accordance with RCW 74.34.
4. **Client Grievance.** The AAA shall establish a system through which applicants for and recipients of services under the approved area plans may present grievances about the activities of the AAA or any subcontractor(s) related to service delivery. Clients receiving Medicaid funded services must be informed of their right to a fair hearing regarding service eligibility specified in WAC 388-02 and under the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 34.05 RCW.
5. **Compliance with Applicable Law.** At all times during the term of this Agreement, the AAA and DSHS shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules, including but not limited to, nondiscrimination laws and regulations.
6. **Confidentiality.** The parties shall use Personal Information and other confidential information gained by reason of this Agreement only for the purpose of this Agreement. DSHS and the AAA shall not otherwise disclose, transfer, or sell any such information to any other party, except as provided by law or, in the case of Personal Information except as provided by law or with the prior written consent of the person to whom the Personal Information pertains. The parties shall maintain the confidentiality of all Personal Information and other confidential information gained by reason of this Agreement and shall return or certify the destruction of such information if requested in writing by the party to the Agreement that provided the information.
7. **AAA Certification Regarding Ethics.** By signing this Agreement, the AAA certifies that the AAA is in compliance with Chapter 42.23 RCW and shall comply with Chapter 42.23 RCW throughout the term of this Agreement.
8. **Debarment Certification.** The AAA, by signature to this Agreement, certifies that the AAA is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in this Agreement by any Federal department or agency. The AAA also agrees to include the above requirement in all subcontracts into which it enters, resulting directly from the AAA's duty to provide services under this Agreement.
9. **Disputes.** In the event of a dispute between the AAA and DSHS, every effort shall be made to resolve the dispute informally and at the lowest level. If a dispute cannot be resolved informally, the AAA shall present their grievance in writing to the Assistant Secretary for Aging and Long-Term Support Administration. The Assistant Secretary shall review the facts, contract terms and applicable statutes and rules and make a determination of the dispute. If the dispute remains unresolved after the Assistant Secretary's determination, either party may request intervention by the Secretary of DSHS, in which event the Secretary's process shall control. The Secretary will make a determination within 45 days. Participation in this dispute process shall precede any judicial or quasi-judicial action and shall be the final administrative remedy available to the parties. However, if the Secretary's determination is not made within 45 days, either party may proceed with judicial or quasi-judicial action without awaiting the Secretary's determination.
10. **Drug-Free Workplace.** The AAA shall maintain a work place free from alcohol and drug abuse.

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11. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement including all documents attached to or incorporated by reference, contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings or representations, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement, shall be deemed to exist or bind the parties.
12. **Governing Law and Venue.** The laws of the State of Washington govern this Agreement. In the event of a lawsuit by the AAA against DSHS involving this Agreement, venue shall be proper only in Thurston County, Washington. In the event of a lawsuit by DSHS against a County AAA involving this Agreement, venue shall be proper only as provided in RCW 36.01.050.
13. **Independent Status.** Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 26 herein below, for purposes of this Agreement, the AAA acknowledges that the AAA is not an officer, employee, or agent of DSHS or the State of Washington. The AAA shall not hold out itself or any of its employees as, nor claim status as, an officer, employee, or agent of DSHS or the State of Washington. The AAA shall not claim for itself or its employees any rights, privileges, or benefits, which would accrue to an employee of the State of Washington. The AAA shall indemnify and hold harmless DSHS from all obligations to pay or withhold federal or state taxes or contributions on behalf of the AAA or the AAA's employees.
14. **Inspection.** Either party may request reasonable access to the other party's records and place of business for the limited purpose of monitoring, auditing, and evaluating the other party's compliance with this Agreement, and applicable laws and regulations. During the term of this Agreement and for one (1) year following termination or expiration of this Agreement, the parties shall, upon receiving reasonable written notice, provide the other party with access to its place of business and to its records which are relevant to its compliance with this Agreement and applicable laws and regulations. This provision shall not be construed to give either party access to the other party's records and place of business for any other purpose. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize either party to possess or copy records of the other party.
15. **Insurance.** DSHS certifies that it is self-insured under the State's self-insurance liability program, as provided by RCW 4.92.130, and shall pay for losses for which it is found liable. The AAA certifies that it is self-insured, is a member of a risk pool, or maintains the types and amounts of insurance identified below and shall, prior to the execution of this Agreement by DSHS, provide certificates of insurance to that effect to the DSHS contact on page one of this Agreement.

Commercial General Liability Insurance (CGL) – to include coverage for bodily injury, property damage, and contractual liability, with the following minimum limits: Each Occurrence - \$1,000,000; General Aggregate - \$2,000,000. The policy shall include liability arising out of premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal injury, advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract. The State of Washington, DSHS, its elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees shall be named as additional insureds.

16. **Maintenance of Records.** During the term of this Agreement and for six (6) years following termination or expiration of this Agreement, both parties shall maintain records sufficient to:
 - a. Document performance of all acts required by law, regulation, or this Agreement;
 - b. Demonstrate accounting procedures, practices, and records that sufficiently and properly document the AAA's invoices to DSHS and all expenditures made by the AAA to perform as required by this Agreement.

For the same period, the AAA shall maintain records sufficient to substantiate the AAA's statement of its organization's structure, tax status, capabilities, and performance.

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17. **Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU).** As required by federal regulations, the Health Care Authority, the Department of Social and Health Services, and any contractors or subcontractors, shall promptly comply with all MFCU requests for records or information. Records and information includes, but is not limited to, records on micro-fiche, film, scanned or imaged documents, narratives, computer data, hard copy files, verbal information, or any other information the MFCU determines may be useful in carrying out its responsibilities.
18. **Order of Precedence.** In the event of an inconsistency in this Agreement, unless otherwise provided herein, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence, in the following order, to:
- a. Applicable federal CFR, CMS Waivers and Medicaid State Plan;
 - b. State of Washington statutes and regulations;
 - c. ALTSA Management Bulletins and policy manuals;
 - d. This Agreement; and
 - e. The AAA's Area Plan.
19. **Ownership of Client Assets.** The AAA shall ensure that any client for whom the AAA or Subcontractor is providing services under this Agreement shall have unrestricted access to the client's personal property. For purposes of this paragraph, client's personal property does not pertain to client records. The AAA or Subcontractor shall not interfere with the client's ownership, possession, or use of such property. Upon termination of this Agreement, the AAA or Subcontractor shall immediately release to the client and/or DSHS all of the client's personal property.
20. **Ownership of Material.** Material created by the AAA and paid for by DSHS as a part of this Agreement shall be owned by DSHS and shall be "work made for hire" as defined by Title 17 USCA, Section 101. This material includes, but is not limited to: books; computer programs; documents; films; pamphlets; reports; sound reproductions; studies; surveys; tapes; and/or training materials. Material which the AAA uses to perform this Agreement but is not created for or paid for by DSHS is owned by the AAA and is not "work made for hire"; however, DSHS shall have a license of perpetual duration to use, modify, and distribute this material at no charge to DSHS, provided that such license shall be limited to the extent which the AAA has a right to grant such a license.
21. **Ownership of Real Property, Equipment and Supplies Purchased by the AAA.** Title to all property, equipment and supplies purchased by the AAA with funds from this Agreement shall vest in the AAA. When real property, or equipment with a per unit fair market value over \$5000, is no longer needed for the purpose of carrying out this Agreement, or this Agreement is terminated or expired and will not be renewed, the AAA shall request disposition instructions from DSHS. If the per unit fair market value of equipment is under \$5000, the AAA may retain, sell, or dispose of it with no further obligation. Proceeds from the sale or lease of property that was purchased with revenue accrued under the Case Management/Nursing Services unit rate must be expended in Medicaid TXIX or Aging Network programs.

When supplies with a total aggregate fair market value over \$5000 are no longer needed for the purpose of carrying out this Agreement, or this Agreement is terminated or expired and will not be renewed, the AAA shall request disposition instructions from DSHS. If the total aggregate fair market value of equipment is under \$5000, the AAA may retain, sell, or dispose of it with no further obligation.

Disposition and maintenance of property shall be in accordance with 45 CFR Parts 92 and 74.

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- 22. Ownership of Real Property, Equipment and Supplies Purchased by DSHS.** Title to property, equipment and supplies purchased by DSHS and provided to the AAA to carry out the activities of this Agreement shall remain with DSHS. When real property, equipment or supplies are no longer needed for the purpose of carrying out this Agreement, or this Agreement is terminated or expired and will not be renewed, the AAA shall request disposition instructions from DSHS.

Disposition and maintenance of property shall be in accordance with 45 CFR Parts 92 and 74.

- 23. Responsibility.** Each party to this Agreement shall be responsible for the negligence of its officers, employees, and agents in the performance of this Agreement. No party to this Agreement shall be responsible for the acts and/or omissions of entities or individuals not party to this Agreement. DSHS and the AAA shall cooperate in the defense of tort lawsuits, when possible. Both parties agree and understand that this provision may not be feasible in all circumstances. DSHS and the AAA agree to notify the attorneys of record in any tort lawsuit where both are parties if either DSHS or the AAA enters into settlement negotiations. It is understood that the notice shall occur prior to any negotiations, or as soon as possible, and the notice may be either written or oral.

- 24. Restrictions Against Lobbying.** The AAA certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the AAA, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of a federal agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for the purposes stated above, the AAA must file a disclosure form in accordance with 45 CFR Section 93.110.

The AAA shall include a clause in all subcontracts restricting subcontractors from lobbying in accordance with this section and requiring subcontractors to certify and disclose accordingly.

- 25. Severability.** The provisions of this Agreement are severable. If any court holds any provision of this Agreement, including any provision of any document incorporated by reference, invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions this Agreement.

- 26. Subcontracting.**

- a. The AAA may, without further notice to DSHS; subcontract for those services specifically defined in the Area Plan submitted to and approved by DSHS, except subcontracts with for-profit entities must have prior DSHS approval.
- b. The AAA must obtain prior written approval from DSHS to subcontract for services not specifically defined in the approved Area Plan.
- c. Any subcontracts shall be in writing and the AAA shall be responsible to ensure that all terms, conditions, assurances and certifications set forth in this Agreement are included in any and all client services Subcontracts unless an exception to including a particular term or terms has been approved in advance by DSHS.
- d. Subcontractors are prohibited from subcontracting for direct client services without the prior written approval from the AAA.
- e. When the nature of the service the subcontractor is to provide requires a certification, license or

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approval, the AAA may only subcontract with such contractors that have and agree to maintain the appropriate license, certification or accrediting requirements/standards.

- f. In any contract or subcontract awarded to or by the AAA in which the authority to determine service recipient eligibility is delegated to the AAA or to a subcontractor, such contract or subcontract shall include a provision acceptable to DSHS that specifies how client eligibility will be determined and how service applicants and recipients will be informed of their right to a fair hearing in case of denial or termination of a service, or failure to act upon a request for services with reasonable promptness.
- g. If DSHS, the AAA, and a subcontractor of the AAA are found by a jury or trier of fact to be jointly and severally liable for damages rising from any act or omission from the contract, then DSHS shall be responsible for its proportionate share, and the AAA shall be responsible for its proportionate share. Should the subcontractor be unable to satisfy its joint and several liability, DSHS and the AAA shall share in the subcontractor's unsatisfied proportionate share in direct proportion to the respective percentage of their fault as found by the jury or trier of fact. Nothing in this term shall be construed as creating a right or remedy of any kind or nature in any person or party other than DSHS and the AAA. This term shall not apply in the event of a settlement by either DSHS or the AAA.
- h. Any subcontract shall designate subcontractor as AAA's Business Associate, as defined by HIPAA, and shall include provisions as required by HIPAA for Business Associate contract. AAA shall ensure that all client records and other PHI in possession of subcontractor are returned to AAA at the termination or expiration of the subcontract.

27. Subrecipients.

- a. General. If the AAA is a subrecipient of federal awards as defined by 2 CFR Part 200 and this Agreement, the AAA shall:
 - (1) Maintain records that identify, in its accounts, all federal awards received and expended and the federal programs under which they were received, by Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) title and number, award number and year, name of the federal agency, and name of the pass-through entity;
 - (2) Maintain internal controls that provide reasonable assurance that the AAA is managing federal awards in compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements that could have a material effect on each of its federal programs;
 - (3) Prepare appropriate financial statements, including a schedule of expenditures of federal awards;
 - (4) Incorporate 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F audit requirements into all agreements between the Contractor and its Subcontractors who are subrecipients;
 - (5) Comply with the applicable requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, including any future amendments to 2 CFR Part 200, and any successor or replacement Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular or regulation; and
 - (6) Comply with the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe streets Act of 1968, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and The Department of Justice Non-Discrimination Regulations, 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subparts C.D.E. and G, and 28 C.F.R. Part 35 and 39. (Go to

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<https://oip.gov/about/offices/ocr.htm> for additional information and access to the aforementioned Federal laws and regulations.)

- b. Single Audit Act Compliance. If the AAA is a subrecipient and expends \$750,000 or more in federal awards from all sources in any fiscal year, the AAA shall procure and pay for a single audit or a program-specific audit for that fiscal year. Upon completion of each audit, the AAA shall:
 - (1) Submit to the DSHS contact person the data collection form and reporting package specified in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, reports required by the program-specific audit guide (if applicable), and a copy of any management letters issued by the auditor;
 - (2) Follow-up and develop corrective action for all audit findings; in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F; prepare a "Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings" reporting the status of all audit findings included in the prior audit's schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- c. Overpayments. If it is determined by DSHS, or during the course of the required audit, that the AAA has been paid unallowable costs under this Agreement, DSHS may require the AAA to reimburse DSHS in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200.
 - (1) For any identified overpayment involving a subcontract between the AAA and a tribe, DSHS agrees it will not seek reimbursement from the AAA, if the identified overpayment was not due to any failure by the AAA.

28. Survivability. The terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, which by their sense and context, are intended to survive the expiration of the particular agreement shall survive. Surviving terms include, but are not limited to: Confidentiality, Disputes, Inspection, Maintenance of Records, Ownership of Material, Responsibility, Termination for Default, Termination Procedure, and Title to Property.

29. Contract Renegotiation, Suspension, or Termination Due to Change in Funding. If the funds DSHS relied upon to establish this Contract or Program Agreement are withdrawn, reduced or limited, or if additional or modified conditions are placed on such funding, after the effective date of this contract but prior to the normal completion of this Contract or Program Agreement:

- a. The Contract or Program Agreement may be renegotiated under the revised funding conditions.
- b. At DSHS's discretion, DSHS may give notice to the AAA to suspend performance when DSHS determines that there is reasonable likelihood that the funding insufficiency may be resolved in a timeframe that would allow Contractor's performance to be resumed prior to the normal completion date of this contract.
 - (1) During the period of suspension of performance, each party will inform the other of any conditions that may reasonably affect the potential for resumption of performance.
 - (2) When DSHS determines that the funding insufficiency is resolved, it will give Contractor written notice to resume performance. Upon the receipt of this notice, Contractor will provide written notice to DSHS informing DSHS whether it can resume performance and, if so, the date of resumption. For purposes of this subsection, "written notice" may include email.
 - (3) If the AAA's proposed resumption date is not acceptable to DSHS and an acceptable date cannot be negotiated, DSHS may terminate the contract by giving written notice to Contractor. The parties agree that the Contract will be terminated retroactive to the date of the notice of suspension. DSHS shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this

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Contract for services rendered prior to the retroactive date of termination.

- c. DSHS may immediately terminate this Contract by providing written notice to the AAA. The termination shall be effective on the date specified in the termination notice. DSHS shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this Contract for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination. No penalty shall accrue to DSHS in the event the termination option in this section is exercised.

30. Termination for Convenience. The Contracts Administrator may terminate this Agreement or any in whole or in part for convenience by giving the AAA at least thirty (30) calendar days' written notice. The AAA may terminate this Agreement for convenience by giving DSHS at least thirty (30) calendar days' written notice addressed to: Central Contract Services, PO Box 45811, Olympia, Washington 98504-5811.

31. Termination for Default.

- a. The Contracts Administrator may terminate this Agreement for default, in whole or in part, by written notice to the AAA, if DSHS has a reasonable basis to believe that the AAA has:
 - (1) Failed to meet or maintain any requirement for contracting with DSHS;
 - (2) Failed to perform under any provision of this Agreement;
 - (3) Violated any law, regulation, rule, or ordinance applicable to this Agreement; and/or
 - (4) Otherwise breached any provision or condition of this Agreement.
- b. Before the Contracts Administrator may terminate this Agreement for default, DSHS shall provide the AAA with written notice of the AAA's noncompliance with the agreement and provide the AAA a reasonable opportunity to correct the AAA's noncompliance. If the AAA does not correct the AAA's noncompliance within the period of time specified in the written notice of noncompliance, the Contracts Administrator may then terminate the agreement. The Contracts Administrator may terminate the agreement for default without such written notice and without opportunity for correction if DSHS has a reasonable basis to believe that a client's health or safety is in jeopardy.
- c. The AAA may terminate this Agreement for default, in whole or in part, by written notice to DSHS, if the AAA has a reasonable basis to believe that DSHS has:
 - (1) Failed to meet or maintain any requirement for contracting with the AAA;
 - (2) Failed to perform under any provision of this Agreement;
 - (3) Violated any law, regulation, rule, or ordinance applicable to this Agreement; and/or
 - (4) Otherwise breached any provision or condition of this Agreement.
- d. Before the AAA may terminate this Agreement for default, the AAA shall provide DSHS with written notice of DSHS' noncompliance with the Agreement and provide DSHS a reasonable opportunity to correct DSHS' noncompliance. If DSHS does not correct DSHS' noncompliance within the period of time specified in the written notice of noncompliance, the AAA may then terminate the Agreement.

32. Termination Procedure. The following provisions apply in the event this Agreement is terminated:

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- a. The AAA shall cease to perform any services required by this Agreement as of the effective date of termination and shall comply with all reasonable instructions contained in the notice of termination which are related to the transfer of clients, distribution of property, and termination of services.
- b. The AAA shall promptly deliver to the DSHS contact person (or to his or her successor) listed on the first page this Agreement, all DSHS assets (property) in the AAA's possession, including any material created under this Agreement. Upon failure to return DSHS property within ten (10) working days of the Agreement termination, the AAA shall be charged with all reasonable costs of recovery, including transportation. The AAA shall take reasonable steps to protect and preserve any property of DSHS that is in the possession of the AAA pending return to DSHS.
- c. DSHS shall be liable for and shall pay for only those services authorized and provided through the effective date of termination. DSHS may pay an amount mutually agreed by the parties for partially completed work and services, if work products are useful to or usable by DSHS.
- d. If the Contracts Administrator terminates this Agreement for default, DSHS may withhold a sum from the final payment to the AAA that DSHS determines is necessary to protect DSHS against loss or additional liability. DSHS shall be entitled to all remedies available at law, in equity, or under this Agreement. If it is later determined that the AAA was not in default, or if the AAA terminated this Agreement for default, the AAA shall be entitled to all remedies available at law, in equity, or under this Agreement.

33. Treatment of Client Property. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Agreement, the AAA shall ensure that any adult client receiving services from the AAA under this Agreement has unrestricted access to the client's personal property. The AAA shall not interfere with any adult client's ownership, possession, or use of the client's property. The AAA shall provide clients under age eighteen (18) with reasonable access to their personal property that is appropriate to the client's age, development, and needs. Upon termination or completion of this Agreement, the AAA shall promptly release to the client and/or the client's guardian or custodian all of the client's personal property. This section does not prohibit the AAA from implementing such lawful and reasonable policies, procedures and practices as the AAA deems necessary for safe, appropriate, and effective service delivery (for example, appropriately restricting clients' access to, or possession or use of, lawful or unlawful weapons and drugs).

34. Waiver. Waiver of any breach or default on any occasion shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach or default. Any waiver shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms and conditions of this Agreement unless amended as set forth in Section 1, Amendment. Only the Contracts Administrator or designee has the authority to waive any term or condition of this Agreement on behalf of DSHS.

1. Definitions.

- a. "AAA" or "Contractor" shall mean the Area Agency on Aging that is a party to this agreement, and includes the AAA's officers, directors, trustees, employees and/or agents unless otherwise stated in this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the AAA or agent shall not be considered an employee of DSHS
- b. "Agreement" means this Agreement, including all documents attached or incorporated by reference.
- c. "Allocable costs" are those costs which are chargeable or assignable to a particular cost objective in accordance with the relative benefits received by those costs.
- d. "Allowable costs" are those costs necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance of this Agreement and in conformance with this Agreement. Allowable costs under federal awards to local or tribal governments must be in conformance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments; allowable costs under federal awards to non-profit organizations must be in conformance with OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations.
- e. "Area Plan" means the document submitted by the AAA to DSHS for approval every four years, with updates every two years, which sets forth goals, measurable objectives, outcomes, units of service, and identifies the planning, coordination, administration, social services and evaluation of activities to be undertaken by the AAA to carry out the purposes of the Older Americans Act, the Social Security Act, the Senior Citizens Services Act, or any other statute for which the AAA receives funds.
- f. "Assignment" means the act of transferring to another the rights and obligations under this Agreement.
- g. "Business Associate" means a Business Associate as defined in 45 CFR 160.103, who performs or assists in the performance of an activity for or on behalf of the Covered Entity that involves the use or disclosure of protected health information (PHI). Any reference to Business Associate under this Agreement includes Business Associate's employees, agents, officers, subcontractors, third party contractor's, volunteers, or directors.
- h. "CFR" means Code of Federal Regulations. All references in this Agreement to the CFR shall include any successor, amended, or replacement regulation.
- i. "Client" means an individual that is eligible for or receiving services provided by the AAA in connection with this Agreement.
- j. "Covered Entity" means DSHS, a Covered Entity as defined in 45 CFR 160.103.
- k. "Contracts Administrator" means the manager, or successor, of Central Contract Services or successor section or office.
- l. "Debarment" means an action taken by a Federal official to exclude a person or business entity from participating in transactions involving certain federal funds.
- m. "Designated Record Set" means a group of records maintained by or for the Covered Entity that is the medical and billing records about the individuals or the enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management records, used in whole or part by or for the Covered

Entity to make decisions about individuals.

- n. "DSHS" or "the Department" means the state of Washington Department of Social and Health Services and its employees and authorized agents.
- o. "Equipment" means tangible, nonexpendable, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5000 or more per unit.
- p. "HIPAA" means the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as codified at 42 USCA 1320d-d8.
- q. "Individual" means the person who is the subject of PHI and includes a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(g).
- r. "Older Americans Act" refers to P.L. 106-501, 106th Congress, and any subsequent amendments or replacement statutes thereto.
- s. "Personal Information" means information identifiable to any person, including, but not limited to, information that relates to a person's name, health, finances, education, business, use or receipt of governmental services or other activities, addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, driver license numbers, other identifying numbers, and any financial identifiers.
- t. "PHI" means protected health information and is information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity that relates to the provision of health care to an individual; the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; or past, present or future payment for provision of health care to an individual. 45 CFR 160 and 14. PHI includes demographic information that identifies the individual or about which there is reasonable basis to believe, can be used to identify the individual. 45 CFR 160.103. PHI is information transmitted, maintained, or stored in any form or medium. 45 CFR 164.501. PHI does not include education records covered by the Family Educational Right and Privacy Act, as amended, 20 USCA 1232g(a)(4)(b)(iv).
- u. "RCW" means the Revised Code of Washington. All references in this Agreement to RCW chapters or sections shall include any successor, amended, or replacement statute. Pertinent RCW chapters can be accessed at <http://slc.leg.wa.gov/>.
- v. "Real Property" means land, including land improvements, structures, and appurtenances thereto, excluding movable machinery and equipment.
- w. "Regulation" means any federal, state, or local regulation, rule, or ordinance.
- x. "Subcontract" means any separate agreement or contract between the AAA and an individual or entity ("Subcontractor") to perform all or a portion of the duties and obligations that the Contractor is obligated to perform pursuant to this Agreement.
- y. "Subcontractor" means an individual or entity (including its officers, directors, trustees, employees, and/or agents) with whom the AAA contracts to provide services that are specifically defined in the Area Plan or are otherwise approved by DSHS in accordance with this Agreement.
- z. "Subrecipient" means a non-federal entity that expends federal awards received from a pass-through entity to carry out a federal program but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such a program. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other federal awards directly from a federal awarding agency.

- aa. "Supplies" means all tangible personal property other than equipment as defined herein.
- bb. "WAC" means the Washington Administrative Code. All references in this Agreement to WAC chapters or sections shall include any successor, amended, or replacement regulation. Pertinent WAC chapters or sections can be accessed at <http://slc.leg.wa.gov/>.
- cc. "Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)" means a unique number assigned to all entities (public and private companies, individuals, institutions, or organizations) who register to do business with the federal government.

2. Statement of Work. The AAA shall comply with all applicable state and federal statute and rules, including but not limited to the United States Code, the Code of Federal Regulations, the Revised Code of Washington, the Washington Administrative Code, and any and all DSHS/ALTSA standards, guidelines, policy manuals, and management bulletins, and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work, as set forth in the attached Exhibit A, Statement of Work.

3. Consideration. Total consideration payable to Contractor for satisfactory performance of the work under this Agreement is up to a maximum of **\$300 per participant/per month**. At the time of the first home visit, if the veteran consents to an assessment and accepts services, the Contract will receive an additional **\$650 for a full assessment fee**. If the client declines services at the first home visit, then the Contractor will receive an additional **\$300 for a partial assessment fee**.

- a. The assessment fee for the participant's first month of enrollment is part of the Service Transition Assessment Reimbursement (STAR) fee and compensates the AAA for care consultant activities prior to a successful enrollment.
- b. Compensation will become effective once the Participant has been entered into the FMS portal and the Participant has successfully enrolled in the program.
- c. In the event that VA compensation (due to participant death or disenrollment) is not adequate to cover the per participant/per month cost, the Contractor will not receive payment for that month.

4. Billing and Payment.

- a. **Invoice System.** The Contractor shall submit invoices using State Form A-19 Invoice Voucher, or such other form as designated by DSHS. Consideration for services rendered shall be payable upon receipt of properly completed invoices which shall be submitted via email to the ALTSA VDC Program Manager or mailed to PO Box 45600, Olympia WA 98504-5600, or his/her designee or successor, by the Contractor not more often than monthly. The invoices shall describe and document to DSHS' satisfaction a description of the work performed, activities accomplished, the progress of the project, and fees. The rates shall be in accordance with those set forth in Section 4, Consideration, of this Contract.
- b. **Payment.** Payment shall be considered timely if made by DSHS within thirty (30) days after receipt and acceptance by the ALTSA VDC Program Manager, or his/her designee or successor, of the properly completed invoices. DSHS may, at its sole discretion, withhold payment claimed by the

Contractor for services rendered if Contractor fails to satisfactorily comply with any term or condition of this Contract.

5. **Background Checks.** Contractor staff that may or will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults must have, prior to working with program Participants, a completed criminal background check pursuant to WAC 388-113-0020 showing no disqualifying crimes.
6. **Confidentiality.** In addition to General Terms and Conditions Confidentiality language, the AAA or its Subcontractors may disclose information to each other, to DSHS, or to appropriate authorities, for purposes directly connected with the services provided to the client. This includes, but is not limited to, determining eligibility, providing services, and participation in disputes, fair hearings or audits. The AAA and its Subcontractors shall disclose information for research, statistical, monitoring and evaluation purposes conducted by appropriate federal agencies and DSHS.

Exhibit A

Statement of Work

Contract Purpose: Veteran Directed Care program (VDC) offers eligible veterans who have functional disabilities more choices about how to get help at home. Specifically, it gives elders and adults with disabilities the option to manage a flexible budget and decide for themselves what mix of services/goods will best meet their care needs. VDC Participants may use their service budgets to hire their own personal care aides as well as purchase items or services that help them live independently. The Contractor will provide Care Consultation (CC) to eligible Participants in the VDC Program as outlined below:

1. **The Contractor Shall:** The Contractor will facilitate the Participant's control and direction of services to the greatest extent possible to access preferred services/goods available under the VDC Program:
 - a. Provide information at enrollment and thereafter as necessary to ensure Participants understand the responsibilities involved with directing their services including:
 - (1) Person centered planning and how it is applied;
 - (2) The range and scope of individual choices and options;
 - (3) The process for changing the Participant Spending Plan (PSP);
 - (4) The grievance process;
 - (5) Free choice of in-home providers;
 - (6) Participant rights;
 - (7) Risks and responsibilities associated with self-direction and decision making
 - (8) The reassessment and review schedules as described in the VDC Operations Manual;
 - (9) The requirement, application process, and agreement to obtain an ACES I.D if not already achieved;
 - (10) The opportunity to have help accessing options counseling & assistance, care transitions, family caregiver support services; and other AAA or community-based and private pay services, if they are interested.
 - (11) Other subjects pertinent to the Participant and/or representative in managing and directing services.
 - b. Conduct assessments, reassessments and maintain ongoing contact with the Participant in accordance with protocols outlined in VDC Program Policy & Procedure Manual, which are incorporated herein by reference.
 - c. Work with the Participant/representative to develop a PSP based on the VAMC VDC approved monthly budget, the results of the VDC Case Mix Assessment, and the results of the CARE assessment. The Contractor shall ensure that supports identified in the PSP are consistent with the participant's care needs and preferences determined in the assessment goals for maintaining and/or increasing independence.

- d. Work with the VAMC VDC Program Coordinator to finalize PSP approval, maximizing the Participant's access to any VA benefits that may be accessible to him/her.
- e. Upon Participant approval of the PSP:
 - (1) If an ACES I.D. is not already in place, apply for Washington Apple Health on behalf of the participant through <https://www.wahealthplanfinder.org>.
 - (2) Once an ACES I.D. is established, authorize in CARE/P1 personal care services.
 - (3) In accordance with the ACES\$ Portal Instructions for Care Consultants, enter/edit the following in the Financial Management Service's (FMS's) online portal:
<https://note.mycil.org/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F>
 - (a) Care Consultant profile;
 - (b) Participant's profile, including the accrual limit;
 - (c) Participant-associated vendors/providers; and
 - (d) Service authorizations.
- f. Adhere to Using Accrued Budget Funds for Planned Purchases as outlined in VDC Program Policy & Procedure Manual.
- g. Review in the FMS portal frequently to ensure each Participant is receiving the services/goods identified in each one's PSP in a timely manner.
- h. The Contractor will be in contact with the Participant monthly to provide coaching and support regarding managing their budget and to problem solve as needed.
- i. Make face-to-face contact with the Participant at least quarterly to review and make any changes to the PSP that may be needed.
- j. Develop and implement systems to obtain Participant's feedback on satisfaction with services and to monitor the program's effectiveness in achieving preferred outcomes.
- k. Assist the Participant to develop a PSP that identifies a range of services/goods that will provide them the support and flexibility they desire within their budget resources.
- l. Provide support in accessing Consumer Directed Care of Wahington (CDWA) in monitoring Individual Provider work functions.
- m. Review and recommend exceptions to the VAMC approved budget when additional funding is needed to address a Participant's assessed needs.
- n. Adhere to Procedure for Voluntary and Involuntary Disenrollment from the VDC Program as outlined in the VDC Program Policy & Procedure Manual.
- o. Offer and provide Options Counseling and Assistance to interested participants so they are aware of other AAA, community-based, and private-pay options to meet their needs; and to assist them in accessing them if/when requested/needed.

- p. Offer assistance and information to the Participant in locating a background check website for potential Authorized Representatives as described in the VDC Operations Manual.
- q. Adhere to Procedure for Authorized Representative Background Checks as defined in the VDC Policy & Procedure Manual and MB
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2. Customer Service Requirements. The Contractor will maintain a Customer Service System that includes:

- a. Methods for receiving, returning and tracking calls from Participants/representatives during regular business hours including messaging capability for after regular business hours.
- b. A toll-free number, if Participants are outside of a local calling area.
- c. Internet/e-mail communication.
- d. Providing translation and interpreter services (i.e. American Sign Language and services for persons with Limited English Proficiency) as needed.
- e. Materials available in alternative accessible formats (i.e. large print).
- f. Procedures related to Participant-direction and being culturally sensitive in all business practices in order to communicate effectively with a diverse population of Participants of all ages and with a variety of needs, disabilities and chronic conditions.
- g. Provide sufficient information to all Participants/representatives (at enrollment and as necessary) to ensure full understanding of the Contractor's roles and responsibilities.

3. Administrative and Operational Tasks.

The Contractor Shall:

- a. Maintain written policies and procedures that at a minimum address:
 - (1) Philosophy of Participant directed services including not limiting a Participant's choice or access to services and providers
 - (2) How the PSP will be developed and updated;
 - (3) How grievances will be addressed and resolved in a timely manner; and
- b. Maintain PSP's and other applicable documents in individual Participant files.

4. Complaint Resolution Process.

The Contractor Shall:

- a. Develop a system for responding to complaints about CC Participant services that includes at a minimum:
 - (1) The date the complaint was received;
 - (2) Who lodged the complaint;
 - (3) When and how the Contractor responded to the complaint; and
 - (4) The final outcome.
- b. Respond to all complaints within ten business days of receipt.
- c. Notify the ALTSA VDC Program Manager if the complaint cannot be resolved or is recurring.
- d. Maintain records/tracking system for complaints.
- e. Provide the ALTSA VDC Program Manager with a summary of complaints and resolutions semi-annually.

5. Quality Improvement/Assurance. To ensure high-quality Participant directed services and in compliance with the VDC Policy & Procedure Manual, the Contractor is responsible for developing and implementing a quality assurance and improvement plan. Activities must include but are not limited to:

- a. Providing evidence that information collected in both the Complaint Resolution process and a Participant Satisfaction Survey conducted at least annually have been incorporated in the Contractor's quality improvement/assurance plan.
- b. Participating in contract monitoring conducted by DSHS.

6. Required Reporting/Database Maintenance. The Contractor is responsible for developing and maintaining standard information about Participants for DSHS:

- a. Reporting:
 - (1) The Contractor's Care Consultants will be responsible for completing a monthly billing form to inform DSHS/ALTSA of the number of days the veteran was in the home. This billing form will

be submitted to the DSHS/ALTSA billing coordinator with a copy to the DSHS/ALTSA Program Manager, VA Coordinator, and the AAA Fiscal Department no later than the 20th of the month following the month of service. A sample billing form is included with the VDC Program Policy & Procedure Manual.

(2) By/before the end of each service month, the Contractor will send the "VDC Enrollment/Disenrollment and Communication Form" to the VDC Program Manager and VAMC with standard information about number of individuals enrolled in and disenrolled and other pertinent information per the VDC Program Policy & Procedure Manual.

(3) Other reports that may be required by DSHS.

b. The Contractor will develop and implement a disaster recovery plan for computerized data.



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