



*Improving the Lives of Older Adults and People with Disabilities  
Through Services, Research, and Education*

September 26, 2023

Ms. Bea Rector, Assistant Secretary  
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration  
Department of Social and Health Services  
PO Box 45600  
Olympia, WA 98504-5600

Dear Ms. Rector:

I am pleased to inform you that the Washington State Plan on Aging under the Older Americans Act for October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2027, has been approved.

The State Plan outlines significant activities that will serve as a guide for Washington's aging service network during the next four years. Of particular note is the plan's commitment to integration of all payment forms of home and community-based services to serve older adults and persons with disabilities. I also want to commend the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA) for conducting equity focus groups that enabled older adults, their families, service providers and caregivers to give voice and provide input into their needs and concerns and to help address the prioritization of equity within state planning efforts.

I appreciate your commitment and dedication to ensure the continuity of quality services for older adults in Washington and am delighted to see that AL TSA continues to serve as an effective and visible advocate for older adults and family caregivers at a state level.

The Administration for Community Living looks forward to working with you and AL TSA in the implementation of the State Plan. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Louise Ryan, Regional Administrator, at 206-615-2299. I value your efforts toward improving the lives of older persons in Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alison Barkoff".

Alison Barkoff  
Senior official performing the duties of Acting  
Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging

Cc: Edwin Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging  
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