



# AAA Interlocal Data Share Agreement

DSHS Contract Number:  
2469-50777

This Agreement is between the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Contractor identified below, and is governed by chapter 39.34 RCW.

Contractor Contract Number:

CONTRACTOR NAME Kitsap County	CONTRACTOR doing business as (DBA) Kitsap County Division of Aging & LTC
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CONTRACTOR ADDRESS 614 Division St MS23 Pt. Orchard, WA 98366-4676	WASHINGTON UNIFORM BUSINESS IDENTIFIER (UBI) 182-002-345	DSHS INDEX NUMBER 1076
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CONTRACTOR CONTACT Stacey Smith	CONTRACTOR TELEPHONE (360) 337-5624	CONTRACTOR FAX (360) 337-5746	CONTRACTOR E-MAIL ADDRESS sasmith@kitsap.gov
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DSHS ADMINISTRATION Aging & Long Term Support Admin	DSHS DIVISION Division of Home And Community Services	DSHS CONTRACT CODE 1037LS-69
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DSHS CONTACT NAME AND TITLE Caroline Wood Social & Health Services Program Manager	DSHS CONTACT ADDRESS 4450 10th Ave SE Lacey, WA 98503
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DSHS CONTACT TELEPHONE (360)725-2521	DSHS CONTACT FAX Click here to enter text.	DSHS CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS caroline.wood@dshs.wa.gov
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IS THE CONTRACTOR A SUBRECIPIENT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT? No	ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBERS
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AGREEMENT START DATE 01/01/2024	AGREEMENT END DATE 12/31/2025	AGREEMENT MAXIMUM AMOUNT No Payment
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**EXHIBITS. When the box below is marked with an X, the following Exhibits are attached and are incorporated into this Agreement by reference:**  
 Exhibits (specify): Exhibit A, Data Security Requirements; Exhibit B, AAA DSHS/HCA Systems Access Request Form 17-226, Instructions, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This Agreement contains all of 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. The parties signing below warrant they have read and understand this Agreement, and have authority to enter into this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE 	PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Charlotte Garrido, Chair	DATE SIGNED 9-25-23
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DSHS SIGNATURE 	PRINTED NAME AND TITLE April Hassett, Contracts Administrator	DATE SIGNED 9/27/23
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## AAA General Terms and Conditions

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. **Compliance with Applicable Law and Washington State Requirements.**
  - a. **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.
  - b. **Certification Regarding Russian Government Contracts and/or Investments.** Contractor shall abide by the requirements of Governor Jay Inslee's Directive 22-03 and all subsequent amendments. The Contractor, by signature to this Contract, certifies that the Contractor is not presently an agency of the Russian government, an entity which is Russian-state owned to any extent, or an entity sanctioned by the United States government in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The Contractor also agrees to include the above certification in any and all Subcontracts into which it enters. The Contractor shall immediately notify DSHS if, during the term of this Contract, Contractor does not comply with this certification. DSHS may immediately terminate this Contract by providing Contractor written notice if Contractor does not comply with this certification during the term hereof.
4. **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 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 allowed by law and requested in writing by the party to the Agreement that provided the information.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **E-Signature and Records.** An electronic signature or electronic record of this Contract or any other ancillary agreement shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this Contract or such other ancillary agreement for all purposes.
8. **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

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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.

9. **Drug-Free Workplace.** The AAA shall maintain a work place free from alcohol and drug abuse.
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **Independent Status.** Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 24 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.
13. **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.
14. **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.

15. **Maintenance of Records.** During the term of this Agreement and for six (6) years following termination

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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.

16. **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.
17. **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. AL TSA Management Bulletins and policy manuals;
  - d. This Agreement; and
  - e. The AAA's Area Plan.
18. **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. 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.
19. **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 perpetual license to use this material for DSHS internal purposes 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.
20. **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.

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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.

- 21. 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.

- 22. 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.

- 23. 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.

- 24. 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.

**25. 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,

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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 DSHS.
- e. When the nature of the service the subcontractor is to provide requires a certification, license or 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 arising 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.

### **26. Subrecipients.**

- (1) General. If the AAA is a subrecipient of federal awards as defined by 2 CFR Part 200 and this Agreement, the AAA shall:
- (2) Maintain records that identify, in its accounts, all federal awards received and expended and the federal programs under which they were received, by Assistance Listing Number (ALN) and title, award number and year, name of the federal agency, and name of the pass-through entity;
- (3) 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;
- (4) Prepare appropriate financial statements, including a schedule of expenditures of federal awards;
- (5) Incorporate 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F audit requirements into all agreements between the Contractor and its Subcontractors who are subrecipients;
- (6) Comply with the applicable requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, including any future amendments

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to 2 CFR Part 200, and any successor or replacement Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular or regulation; and

(7) 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 [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr/) 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.

**27. 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, and Termination Procedure.

**28. 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

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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 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.

**29. 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.

**30. 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.



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- 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.

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

- 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 of 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 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.

**32. 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.

## HIPAA Compliance

Preamble: This section of the Contract is the Business Associate Agreement as required by HIPAA.

**33. Definitions**

- a. "Business Associate," as used in this Contract, means the "Contractor" and generally has the same meaning as the term "business associate" at 45 CFR 160.103. Any reference to Business Associate in this Contract includes Business Associate's employees, agents, officers, Subcontractors, third party contractors, volunteers, or directors.
- b. "Business Associate Agreement" means this HIPAA Compliance section of the Contract and includes the Business Associate provisions required by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights.
- c. "Breach" means the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of Protected Health Information in a

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manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule which compromises the security or privacy of the Protected Health Information, with the exclusions and exceptions listed in 45 CFR 164.402.

- d. "Covered Entity" means DSHS, a Covered Entity as defined at 45 CFR 160.103, in its conduct of covered functions by its health care components.
- e. "Designated Record Set" means a group of records maintained by or for a Covered Entity, that is: the medical and billing records about Individuals maintained by or for a covered health care provider; the enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by or for a health plan; or Used in whole or part by or for the Covered Entity to make decisions about Individuals.
- f. "Electronic Protected Health Information (EPHI)" means Protected Health Information that is transmitted by electronic media or maintained in any medium described in the definition of electronic media at 45 CFR 160.103.
- g. "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-191, as modified by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA"), Sec. 13400 – 13424, H.R. 1 (2009) (HITECH Act).
- h. "HIPAA Rules" means the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR Parts 160 and Part 164.
- i. "Individual(s)" means the person(s) who is the subject of PHI and includes a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(g).
- j. "Minimum Necessary" means the least amount of PHI necessary to accomplish the purpose for which the PHI is needed.
- k. "Protected Health Information (PHI)" means individually identifiable health information created, received, maintained or transmitted by Business Associate on behalf of a health care component of the 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 the past, present, or future payment for provision of health care to an Individual. 45 CFR 160.103. 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 or held in any form or medium and includes EPHI. 45 CFR 160.103. PHI does not include education records covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, as amended, 20 USCA 1232g(a)(4)(B)(iv) or employment records held by a Covered Entity in its role as employer.
- l. "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system.
- m. "Subcontractor" as used in this HIPAA Compliance section of the Contract (in addition to its definition in the General Terms and Conditions) means a Business Associate that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of another Business Associate.
- n. "Use" includes the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination, or analysis, of PHI within an entity that maintains such information.

### **34. Compliance.** Business Associate shall perform all Contract duties, activities and tasks in compliance

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with HIPAA, the HIPAA Rules, and all attendant regulations as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights.

- 35. Use and Disclosure of PHI.** Business Associate is limited to the following permitted and required uses or disclosures of PHI:
- a. **Duty to Protect PHI.** Business Associate shall protect PHI from, and shall use appropriate safeguards, and comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 (Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information) with respect to EPHI, to prevent the unauthorized Use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for in this Contract or as required by law, for as long as the PHI is within its possession and control, even after the termination or expiration of this Contract.
  - b. **Minimum Necessary Standard.** Business Associate shall apply the HIPAA Minimum Necessary standard to any Use or disclosure of PHI necessary to achieve the purposes of this Contract. See 45 CFR 164.514 (d)(2) through (d)(5).
  - c. **Disclosure as Part of the Provision of Services.** Business Associate shall only Use or disclose PHI as necessary to perform the services specified in this Contract or as required by law, and shall not Use or disclose such PHI in any manner that would violate Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164 (Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information) if done by Covered Entity, except for the specific uses and disclosures set forth below.
  - d. **Use for Proper Management and Administration.** Business Associate may Use PHI for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate.
  - e. **Disclosure for Proper Management and Administration.** Business Associate may disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate, provided the disclosures are required by law, or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that the information will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been Breached.
  - f. **Impermissible Use or Disclosure of PHI.** Business Associate shall report to DSHS in writing all Uses or disclosures of PHI not provided for by this Contract within one (1) business day of becoming aware of the unauthorized Use or disclosure of PHI, including Breaches of unsecured PHI as required at 45 CFR 164.410 (Notification by a Business Associate), as well as any Security Incident of which it becomes aware. Upon request by DSHS, Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect resulting from the impermissible Use or disclosure.
  - g. **Failure to Cure.** If DSHS learns of a pattern or practice of the Business Associate that constitutes a violation of the Business Associate's obligations under the terms of this Contract and reasonable steps by DSHS do not end the violation, DSHS shall terminate this Contract, if feasible. In addition, If Business Associate learns of a pattern or practice of its Subcontractors that constitutes a violation of the Business Associate's obligations under the terms of their contract and reasonable steps by the Business Associate do not end the violation, Business Associate shall terminate the Subcontract, if feasible.
  - h. **Termination for Cause.** Business Associate authorizes immediate termination of this Contract by DSHS, if DSHS determines that Business Associate has violated a material term of this Business

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Associate Agreement. DSHS may, at its sole option, offer Business Associate an opportunity to cure a violation of this Business Associate Agreement before exercising a termination for cause.

- i. Consent to Audit. Business Associate shall give reasonable access to PHI, its internal practices, records, books, documents, electronic data and/or all other business information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of DSHS, to the Secretary of DHHS and/or to DSHS for use in determining compliance with HIPAA privacy requirements.
- j. Obligations of Business Associate Upon Expiration or Termination. Upon expiration or termination of this Contract for any reason, with respect to PHI received from DSHS, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate, or any Subcontractors, on behalf of DSHS, Business Associate shall:
  - (1) Retain only that PHI which is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities;
  - (2) Return to DSHS or destroy the remaining PHI that the Business Associate or any Subcontractors still maintain in any form;
  - (3) Continue to use appropriate safeguards and comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 (Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information) with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information to prevent Use or disclosure of the PHI, other than as provided for in this Section, for as long as Business Associate or any Subcontractors retain the PHI;
  - (4) Not Use or disclose the PHI retained by Business Associate or any Subcontractors other than for the purposes for which such PHI was retained and subject to the same conditions set out in the "Use and Disclosure of PHI" section of this Contract which applied prior to termination; and
  - (5) Return to DSHS or destroy the PHI retained by Business Associate, or any Subcontractors, when it is no longer needed by Business Associate for its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities.
- k. Survival. The obligations of the Business Associate under this section shall survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

### 36. Individual Rights.

- a. Accounting of Disclosures.
  - (1) Business Associate shall document all disclosures, except those disclosures that are exempt under 45 CFR 164.528, of PHI and information related to such disclosures.
  - (2) Within ten (10) business days of a request from DSHS, Business Associate shall make available to DSHS the information in Business Associate's possession that is necessary for DSHS to respond in a timely manner to a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI by the Business Associate. See 45 CFR 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(G) and 164.528(b)(1).
  - (3) At the request of DSHS or in response to a request made directly to the Business Associate by an Individual, Business Associate shall respond, in a timely manner and in accordance with HIPAA and the HIPAA Rules, to requests by Individuals for an accounting of disclosures of PHI.

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(4) Business Associate record keeping procedures shall be sufficient to respond to a request for an accounting under this section for the six (6) years prior to the date on which the accounting was requested.

### b. Access

(1) Business Associate shall make available PHI that it holds that is part of a Designated Record Set when requested by DSHS or the Individual as necessary to satisfy DSHS's obligations under 45 CFR 164.524 (Access of Individuals to Protected Health Information).

(2) When the request is made by the Individual to the Business Associate or if DSHS asks the Business Associate to respond to a request, the Business Associate shall comply with requirements in 45 CFR 164.524 (Access of Individuals to Protected Health Information) on form, time and manner of access. When the request is made by DSHS, the Business Associate shall provide the records to DSHS within ten (10) business days.

### c. Amendment.

(1) If DSHS amends, in whole or in part, a record or PHI contained in an Individual's Designated Record Set and DSHS has previously provided the PHI or record that is the subject of the amendment to Business Associate, then DSHS will inform Business Associate of the amendment pursuant to 45 CFR 164.526(c)(3) (Amendment of Protected Health Information).

(2) Business Associate shall make any amendments to PHI in a Designated Record Set as directed by DSHS or as necessary to satisfy DSHS's obligations under 45 CFR 164.526 (Amendment of Protected Health Information).

**37. Subcontracts and other Third Party Agreements.** In accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(e)(1)(ii), 164.504(e)(1)(i), and 164.308(b)(2), Business Associate shall ensure that any agents, Subcontractors, independent contractors or other third parties that create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on Business Associate's behalf, enter into a written contract that contains the same terms, restrictions, requirements, and conditions as the HIPAA compliance provisions in this Contract with respect to such PHI. The same provisions must also be included in any contracts by a Business Associate's Subcontractor with its own business associates as required by 45 CFR 164.314(a)(2)(b) and 164.504(e)(5) .

**38. Obligations.** To the extent the Business Associate is to carry out one or more of DSHS's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164 (Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information), Business Associate shall comply with all requirements that would apply to DSHS in the performance of such obligation(s).

**39. Liability.** Within ten (10) business days, Business Associate must notify DSHS of any complaint, enforcement or compliance action initiated by the Office for Civil Rights based on an allegation of violation of the HIPAA Rules and must inform DSHS of the outcome of that action. Business Associate bears all responsibility for any penalties, fines or sanctions imposed against the Business Associate for violations of the HIPAA Rules and for any imposed against its Subcontractors or agents for which it is found liable.

### **40. Breach Notification.**

a. In the event of a Breach of unsecured PHI or disclosure that compromises the privacy or security of PHI obtained from DSHS or involving DSHS clients, Business Associate will take all measures

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required by state or federal law.

- b. Business Associate will notify DSHS within one (1) business day by telephone and in writing of any acquisition, access, Use or disclosure of PHI not allowed by the provisions of this Contract or not authorized by HIPAA Rules or required by law of which it becomes aware which potentially compromises the security or privacy of the Protected Health Information as defined in 45 CFR 164.402 (Definitions).
- c. Business Associate will notify the DSHS Contact shown on the cover page of this Contract within one (1) business day by telephone or e-mail of any potential Breach of security or privacy of PHI by the Business Associate or its Subcontractors or agents. Business Associate will follow telephone or e-mail notification with a faxed or other written explanation of the Breach, to include the following: date and time of the Breach, date Breach was discovered, location and nature of the PHI, type of Breach, origination and destination of PHI, Business Associate unit and personnel associated with the Breach, detailed description of the Breach, anticipated mitigation steps, and the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail of the individual who is responsible as the primary point of contact. Business Associate will address communications to the DSHS Contact. Business Associate will coordinate and cooperate with DSHS to provide a copy of its investigation and other information requested by DSHS, including advance copies of any notifications required for DSHS review before disseminating and verification of the dates notifications were sent.
- d. If DSHS determines that Business Associate or its Subcontractor(s) or agent(s) is responsible for a Breach of unsecured PHI:
  - (1) requiring notification of Individuals under 45 CFR § 164.404 (Notification to Individuals), Business Associate bears the responsibility and costs for notifying the affected Individuals and receiving and responding to those Individuals' questions or requests for additional information;
  - (2) requiring notification of the media under 45 CFR § 164.406 (Notification to the media), Business Associate bears the responsibility and costs for notifying the media and receiving and responding to media questions or requests for additional information;
  - (3) requiring notification of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary under 45 CFR § 164.408 (Notification to the Secretary), Business Associate bears the responsibility and costs for notifying the Secretary and receiving and responding to the Secretary's questions or requests for additional information; and
  - (4) DSHS will take appropriate remedial measures up to termination of this Contract.

### 41. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- a. Regulatory References. A reference in this Contract to a section in the HIPAA Rules means the section as in effect or amended.
- b. Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Contract shall be interpreted to permit compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

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### 1. Definitions.

- a. "Area Agency on Aging" or "AAA" or "Contractor" means 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. "Agency Contracts Database" or "ACD" is used to access, produce and manage contracts and contract information.
- c. "Automated Client Eligibility System" or "ACES" is a tool for determining eligibility, issuing benefits, management support, and sharing of data between agencies.
- d. "Agreement" means this Agreement, including all documents attached or incorporated by reference.
- 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. "Authorizer" A representative appointed by the AAA to assure users AAA level and ALTSA level access requests are processed using the Secure Access Request Form 17-226. Authorizers assure users meet attestation, training and other system access requirements. They assure paperwork is processed in accordance with MB's, instructions, and data share agreement requirements. Authorizers manage AAA level access requirement locally establishing profiles and user level permissions. Authorizers are the first point of contact when issues occur for users and route issues to local IT or escalate to ALTSA as needed. AAA Authorizers are responsible for keeping track of their pool of employee IDs, for applicable systems.
- g. "Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES)" Online is a tool for public assistance eligibility determination, issuing benefits, management support, and sharing of data between agencies to include client demographics.
- h. "ADSA Reporting" is now referred to as DDA/HCS Reporting and interfaces with reporting services to provide a subset of information to case management or supervisor level data for individual AAA offices.
- i. "Background Check System" or "BGC" means a system that provides background check information on clients, vendors and staff to meet DSHS requirements where appropriate.
- j. "Barcode" is a client server system that manages workflow and document images. Twenty major component subsystems include childcare eligibility and social service case management. Provides programmed and ad hoc access to ACES, eJAS, and native Barco.
- k. "CITRIX" is a method to access DSHS resources for staff on the DSHS network working from a remote location. CITRIX is allowed on personal devices to remote into a DSHS computer in network and other virtual desktop environment applications.
- l. "Community Living Connections" or "CLC" means Washington State's name for its No-Wrong Door access network of Area Agencies on Aging and their state, regional and local partners.
- m. "CLC-GetCare" means a version of RTZ's GetCare product modified to support Washington State's Community Living Connections. It is used for managing programs funded by the Older Americans

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Act, CMS, state general fund, local resources, and federal grants, including Medicaid Alternative Care (MAC) and Tailored Supports for Older Adults (TSOA). It also supports the CLC public website with a consumer portal and a resource directory. CLC/GetCare System is used in order to manage, record, and report service provision and utilization, demographics, resource directory, consumer website information and to access TCARE screening, assessment, and care planning tools.

- n. "Client" means an individual who is eligible for or receiving services provided by the AAA in connection with this Agreement.
- o. "Client Registry" or "CReg" is a secure web-based application centralizing client information and providing a single location to support client service research. Client Registry is used to provide high-level demographic information and service history for AAA case management staff from multiple DSHS administrations. Client Registry (CReg) is managed by DSHS Technology Security Division (TSD).
- p. "Code of Federal Regulations" or "CFR" means all references in this Agreement to the CFR shall include any successor, amended, or replacement regulation.
- q. "Community Living Connections" or "CLC" means Washington state's name for its No-Wrong Door access network of Area Agencies on Aging and their state, regional and local partners.
- r. "Comprehensive Assessment and Reporting Evaluation" or "CARE" is the tool used by case managers to document a client's functional ability, determine eligibility for long-term care services, evaluate what and how much assistance a Client will receive, and develop a plan of care. CARE interfaces to the Consumer Direct Caregiver Network of WA (CDWA), and the legacy Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE) system and their reporting systems for demographic, assessment, and service plan information.
- s. "Contracts Administrator" means the manager, or successor, of Central Contract Services or successor section or office.
- t. "DDA/HCS Reporting" interfaces with reporting services to provide a subset of information to case management or supervisor level data for individual AAA offices.
- u. "Disclosure" means the release, transfer, provision of, access to, or divulging in any other manner of information outside the entity holding the information.
- v. "Document Management Service (DMS)" means an automated subsystem of Barcode that uses imaging technology and document assignments to manage client documents and workflow.
- w. "Department of Social and Health Services" or "DSHS" means the state of Washington Department of Social and Health Services and its employees and authorized agents.
- x. "Economic Services Administration" or "ESA" is an administration under the Department of Social and Health Services.
- y. "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.
- z. "Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996" or "HIPAA" means as codified at 42 USCA 1320d-d8.
- aa. "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).



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- bb. "Medicaid Management Information System" or "MMIS" means an integrated group of procedures and computer processing operations (subsystems) developed at the general design level to meet principal objectives, and it is associated with ProviderOne.
- cc. "Older Americans Act" or "OAA" refers to P.L. 106-501, 106th Congress, and any subsequent amendments or replacement statutes thereto.
- dd. "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.
- ee. "Personal Health Information" or "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).
- ff. "Predictive Risk Intelligence System" or "PRISM" is a secure web-based application accessed through Secure Access Washington for care coordination. A separate Data Share Agreement with the AAA governs use and requirements.
- gg. "ProviderOne" is a Medicaid Management Information System" or "MMIS" is for service providers and staff to view authorization, payment, scheduling and client service data. It interfaces between ACES and the HCA. Uses the info to authorize payment from medical providers, generate reports, and obtain federal funding.
- hh. "Quality Assurance Monitor" or "QA Monitor" is used to assess the assessor or do supervisory reviews. Quality Assurance monitoring ensures that all services promote health, safety, and self-determination for all participants. Identifies efficient and effective practices in services delivery and ensures federal and state assurances are met.
- ii. "Real Property" means land, including land improvements, structures, and appurtenances thereto, excluding movable machinery and equipment.
- jj. "Regulation" means any federal, state, or local regulation, rule, or ordinance.
- kk. "Revised Code of Washington" or "RCW" means 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/>.
- ll. "SecureAccess Washington" or "SAW" is a single sign-on application gateway created by Washington State's Department of Information Services to access government services accessible via the Internet.
- mm. "Social Service Payment System" or "SSPS" is used for payment data history.
- nn. "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.

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- oo. "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.
- pp. "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.
- qq. "Supplies" means all tangible personal property other than equipment as defined herein.
- rr. Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE)" is a caregiver assessment and referral protocol designed to assist care managers who work with family caregivers who care for their older adult relatives.
- ss. "Use" means, with respect to individually identifiable health information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination, or analysis of such information within an entity that maintains such information.
- tt. "User" means the AAA employee who has registered or approved access to a system listed in this Agreement.
- uu. "Virtual Private Networking" or "VPN" is a method for AAAs not on the DSHS network to access DSHS applications and internal resources.
- vv. "Washington Administrative Code" or "WAC" is all references in this Agreement to WAC chapters or sections which shall include any successor, amended, or replacement regulation. Pertinent WAC chapters or sections can be accessed at <http://slc.leg.wa.gov/>.

**2. Statement of Work.** The AAA shall perform the services as set forth below and in accordance with Exhibit A, Data Security Requirements:

- a. **Authority to Access Data.** RCW 74.39A.090 mandates that DSHS contract with Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's) to provide case management services to individuals receiving Title XIX personal care services and to reassess and reauthorize these individuals for Title XIX personal care services or other home and community services as defined by this statute. In order to effectively administer these DSHS services, the AAA's must have access to client data, and to certain DSHS information systems.
- b. **Systems Access and Method of Access.** The AAA may access or may request permission to access the following:
  - (1) System Access
    - (a) By submitting AAA DSHS / HCA System Access Request (SAR) Form 17-226
      - i. ALTSA Level
        - (A) ACES Online
        - (B) ProviderOne – View Only
        - (C) IPOne (AAA retain access until the IP contracts are fully transitioned to CDWA)
        - (D) CReg

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(E) PRISM

(F) VPN

ii. ALTSA Level – Requiring DSHS Active Directory

(A) ALTSA Data Mart – CARE

(B) ALTSA Data Mart – P1/AFRS

(C) WaCareRpt Database

iii. AAA Level

(A) ACD – Agency Contracts Database

(B) DDA/HCS Reporting

(C) BarCode (DMS)

(D) BCS – Background Check

(E) CARE Production + Practice

(F) CARE Web Production + Practice

(G) CLC/GetCare

(H) QA Monitor

(b) Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA) and Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) SharePoint sites.

(c) DSHS' Internal Forms Picker Site.

(d) "LC" Washington State Learning Center (WSLC) Trainings with monetary cost are prohibited unless AAA has created their own account. The number of AAA staff with access will be negotiated with DSHS and may require a separate account for billing individual licenses.

(2) Method of Access

(a) The AAA shall access these systems through the State Government Network (SGN), the Inter-Governmental Network (IGN), SecureAccess Washington (SAW), or through a DSHS approved method of secure access.

(b) The AAA agrees to follow the DSHS IT Security Policy Manual (Section 4.2.3.1, S1) that covers unique user IDs and security elements of constructing safe passwords and protecting them from unauthorized disclosure.

**3. Access and Disclosure information.** The AAA shall not disclose the contents of any Client records, files, papers and communications except as necessary for the administration of programs to provide services to clients as required by law.

a. The AAA shall limit access to client data to the AAA and any subcontractor staff whose duties specifically require access to such data in the performance of their assigned duties. AAA or subcontractor staff shall not access any individual client data for personal purposes. Clients shall

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only be permitted to access their own data.

- b. The AAA shall ensure each employee signs the Contractor Agreement on Nondisclosure of Confidential Information form, attached as Exhibit C, provided by the Department to acknowledge the data access requirements prior to DSHS granting access. Access will be given only to data necessary to the performance of this Agreement. The AAA shall retain the original Nondisclosure form on file. The AAA shall have the form available for DSHS review upon request.
- c. The AAA must provide an annual written reminder of the Nondisclosure requirements to all employees with access to the data to remind them of the limitations, use or publishing of data. The AAA shall retain documentation of such reminder on file for monitoring purposes.
- d. The AAA shall not use or disclose any information concerning any DSHS client for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of the AAA's responsibilities under this Agreement except by prior written consent of the DSHS client, his/her attorney, parent or guardian.
- e. The AAA or its service provider may disclose information to each other or to DSHS for purposes directly connected with the administration of their programs. This includes, but is not limited to, determining eligibility, providing services, and participation in an audit. The AAA and its service providers shall disclose information for authorized research, statistical, monitoring and evaluation purposes conducted by appropriate federal agencies and DSHS. DSHS must authorize in writing the disclosure of this information to any other party not identified in this section.
- f. The AAA staff shall not link the data with personal data or individually identifiable data from any other source nor re-disclose the data unless specifically authorized in this Agreement or by the prior written consent of DSHS.
- g. The AAA shall notify each system Administrator within five business days when a User leaves employment or otherwise no longer requires system access. Upon notification, the system Administrator will deactivate the User ID and terminate access to the applicable application(s). The AAA shall confirm the need for continued access for each User of the ACD on a quarterly basis.
- h. The AAA shall ensure that only registered system Users access and use the systems in this Agreement, use only their own User ID and password to access the systems and do not allow employees who are not registered to borrow a User ID or password to access any systems.
- i. Access to systems may be continuously tracked and monitored. DSHS reserves the right at any time to conduct audits of systems access and use, and to investigate possible violations of this Agreement and/or violations of federal and state laws and regulations governing access to protected health information.

**4. Dissemination to Staff.** Prior to making information available to new staff and annually thereafter, the AAA shall ensure that staff accessing the Personal Information or PHI under this Agreement are trained in HIPAA use and disclosure of PHI requirements and understand:

a. Confidentiality of Client Data

- (1) Client data is confidential and is protected by various state and federal laws. The basis for this protection is the individual's right to privacy as outlined in the HIPPA Privacy Rule- 45 CFR 160 to 45 CFR 164.
- (2) Personal Information means demographic and financial information about a particular individual that is obtained through one or more sources (such as name, address, SSN, and phone numbers). RCW 42.56.210 lists the information that is exempted from public inspection and copying.

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### b. Use of Client Data

- (1) Client data may be used only for purposes of these contracted services, directly related to providing services to the client or for the operation of aging and long-term care programs.
- (2) Any personal use of client information is strictly prohibited.
- (3) Access to data must be limited to those staff whose duties specifically require access to such data in the performance of their assigned duties.

### c. Disclosure of Information

- (1) Client information may be provided to the client, client's authorized guardian, or a client-authorized 3rd party per WAC 388-01, and the Long-Term Care Manual.
- (2) Client information may be disclosed to other individuals or agencies only for purposes of administering DSHS programs, within regulatory constraints for each data type
- (3) Questions related to disclosure are to be directed to the Home and Community Programs Public Disclosure Coordinator.
- (4) Any disclosure of information contrary to this section is unauthorized and is subject to penalties identified in law.

## 5. Security of Data

- a. The AAA shall take reasonable precautions to secure against unauthorized physical and electronic access to data, which shall be protected in a manner that prevents unauthorized persons, including the general public, from retrieving data by means of computer, remote terminal, or other means. The AAA shall take due care to ensure AAA and its subcontractors protect said data from unauthorized physical and electronic access. The AAA is authorized to store data on portable devices and media. The data will be stored on computers with security systems that require individual user IDs and hardened passwords. Only persons who have signed the *Contractor Agreement on Nondisclosure of Confidential Information form* covering this data share agreement will be able to access the data that Washington State shares with the AAA under this Agreement.
- b. The AAA shall ensure disks and/or documents generated in printed form from the electronic file are properly returned, destroyed or shredded when no longer needed so unauthorized individuals cannot access client information. Data destroyed shall include all copies of any data sets in possession after the data has been used for the purpose specified herein or within 30 days of the date of termination and certify such destruction to DSHS. DSHS shall be responsible for destroying the returned documents to ensure confidentiality is maintained. The Data provided by DSHS will remain the property of DSHS and will be promptly destroyed as allowed by law and when the AAA and its subcontractors have completed the work for which the information was required, as fully described by Exhibit A Data Security Requirements.
- c. The AAA shall protect information according to state and federal laws including the following incorporated by reference:
  - (1) Privacy Act 1974 5 USC subsection 552a;
  - (2) Chapter 40.14 RCW Preservation and Destruction of Public Records;
  - (3) Chapter 74.04 RCW General Provisions – Administration;

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- (4) Chapter 42.56.210 RCW Certain Personal & Other Records Exempt;
- (5) 45 CFR 205.50 provides for Safeguarding information for the financial assistance Programs and identifies limitations to disclosure of said information; and,
- (6) Public Law 99-508 (18 USC section 2510et. Seq. Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986) Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act authorizes disclosure of client information and provides for safeguards, which restrict the use or disclosure of information concerning applicants or recipients to purposes directly connected with administration of the program.

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### Exhibit A – Data Security Requirements

1. **Definitions.** The words and phrases listed below, as used in this Exhibit, shall each have the following definitions:
- a. “AES” means the Advanced Encryption Standard, a specification of Federal Information Processing Standards Publications for the encryption of electronic data issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (<http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/FIPS/NIST.FIPS.197.pdf>).
  - b. “Authorized Users(s)” means an individual or individuals with a business need to access DSHS Confidential Information, and who has or have been authorized to do so.
  - c. “Business Associate Agreement” means an agreement between DSHS and a contractor who is receiving Data covered under the Privacy and Security Rules of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The agreement establishes permitted and required uses and disclosures of protected health information (PHI) in accordance with HIPAA requirements and provides obligations for business associates to safeguard the information.
  - d. “Category 4 Data” is data that is confidential and requires special handling due to statutes or regulations that require especially strict protection of the data and from which especially serious consequences may arise in the event of any compromise of such data. Data classified as Category 4 includes but is not limited to data protected by: the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Pub. L. 104-191 as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (HITECH), 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164; the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 CFR Part 99; Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075 (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1075.pdf>); Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration regulations on Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records, 42 CFR Part 2; and/or Criminal Justice Information Services, 28 CFR Part 20.
  - e. “Cloud” means data storage on servers hosted by an entity other than the Contractor and on a network outside the control of the Contractor. Physical storage of data in the cloud typically spans multiple servers and often multiple locations. Cloud storage can be divided between consumer grade storage for personal files and enterprise grade for companies and governmental entities. Examples of consumer grade storage would include iTunes, Dropbox, Box.com, and many other entities. Enterprise cloud vendors include Microsoft Azure, Amazon Web Services, and Rackspace.
  - f. “Encrypt” means to encode Confidential Information into a format that can only be read by those possessing a “key”; a password, digital certificate or other mechanism available only to authorized users. Encryption must use a key length of at least 256 bits for symmetric keys, or 2048 bits for asymmetric keys. When a symmetric key is used, the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) must be used if available.
  - g. “FedRAMP” means the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (see [www.fedramp.gov](http://www.fedramp.gov)), which is an assessment and authorization process that federal government agencies have been directed to use to ensure security is in place when accessing Cloud computing products and services.
  - h. “Hardened Password” means a string of at least eight characters containing at least three of the following four character classes: Uppercase alphabetic, lowercase alphabetic, numeral, and special characters such as an asterisk, ampersand, or exclamation point.
  - i. “Mobile Device” means a computing device, typically smaller than a notebook, which runs a mobile operating system, such as iOS, Android, or Windows Phone. Mobile Devices include smart phones, most tablets, and other form factors.

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- j. “Multi-factor Authentication” means controlling access to computers and other IT resources by requiring two or more pieces of evidence that the user is who they claim to be. These pieces of evidence consist of something the user knows, such as a password or PIN; something the user has such as a key card, smart card, or physical token; and something the user is, a biometric identifier such as a fingerprint, facial scan, or retinal scan. “PIN” means a personal identification number, a series of numbers which act as a password for a device. Since PINs are typically only four to six characters, PINs are usually used in conjunction with another factor of authentication, such as a fingerprint.
- k. “Portable Device” means any computing device with a small form factor, designed to be transported from place to place. Portable devices are primarily battery powered devices with base computing resources in the form of a processor, memory, storage, and network access. Examples include, but are not limited to, mobile phones, tablets, and laptops. Mobile Device is a subset of Portable Device.
- l. “Portable Media” means any machine readable media that may routinely be stored or moved independently of computing devices. Examples include magnetic tapes, optical discs (CDs or DVDs), flash memory (thumb drive) devices, external hard drives, and internal hard drives that have been removed from a computing device.
- m. “Secure Area” means an area to which only authorized representatives of the entity possessing the Confidential Information have access, and access is controlled through use of a key, card key, combination lock, or comparable mechanism. Secure Areas may include buildings, rooms or locked storage containers (such as a filing cabinet or desk drawer) within a room, as long as access to the Confidential Information is not available to unauthorized personnel. In otherwise Secure Areas, such as an office with restricted access, the Data must be secured in such a way as to prevent access by non-authorized staff such as janitorial or facility security staff, when authorized Contractor staff are not present to ensure that non-authorized staff cannot access it.
- n. “Trusted Network” means a network operated and maintained by the Contractor, which includes security controls sufficient to protect DSHS Data on that network. Controls would include a firewall between any other networks, access control lists on networking devices such as routers and switches, and other such mechanisms which protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the Data.
- o. “Unique User ID” means a string of characters that identifies a specific user and which, in conjunction with a password, passphrase or other mechanism, authenticates a user to an information system.

2. **Authority.** The security requirements described in this document reflect the applicable requirements of Standard 141.10 (<https://ocio.wa.gov/policies>) of the Office of the Chief Information Officer for the state of Washington, and of the DSHS Information Security Policy and Standards Manual. Reference material related to these requirements can be found here: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ffa/keeping-dshs-client-information-private-and-secure>, which is a site developed by the DSHS Information Security Office and hosted by DSHS Central Contracts and Legal Services.

3. **Administrative Controls.** The Contractor must have the following controls in place:

- a. A documented security policy governing the secure use of its computer network and systems, and which defines sanctions that may be applied to Contractor staff for violating that policy.
- b. If the Data shared under this agreement is classified as Category 4, the Contractor must be aware of and compliant with the applicable legal or regulatory requirements for that Category 4 Data.
- c. If Confidential Information shared under this agreement is classified as Category 4, the Contractor



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must have a documented risk assessment for the system(s) housing the Category 4 Data.

- 4. Authorization, Authentication, and Access.** In order to ensure that access to the Data is limited to authorized staff, the Contractor must:
- a. Have documented policies and procedures governing access to systems with the shared Data.
  - b. Restrict access through administrative, physical, and technical controls to authorized staff.
  - c. Ensure that user accounts are unique and that any given user account logon ID and password combination is known only to the one employee to whom that account is assigned. For purposes of non-repudiation, it must always be possible to determine which employee performed a given action on a system housing the Data based solely on the logon ID used to perform the action.
  - d. Ensure that only authorized users are capable of accessing the Data.
  - e. Ensure that an employee's access to the Data is removed immediately:
    - (1) Upon suspected compromise of the user credentials.
    - (2) When their employment, or the contract under which the Data is made available to them, is terminated.
    - (3) When they no longer need access to the Data to fulfill the requirements of the contract.
  - f. Have a process to periodically review and verify that only authorized users have access to systems containing DSHS Confidential Information.
  - g. When accessing the Data from within the Contractor's network (the Data stays within the Contractor's network at all times), enforce password and logon requirements for users within the Contractor's network, including:
    - (1) A minimum length of 8 characters, and containing at least three of the following character classes: uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numerals, and special characters such as an asterisk, ampersand, or exclamation point.
    - (2) That a password does not contain a user's name, logon ID, or any form of their full name.
    - (3) That a password does not consist of a single dictionary word. A password may be formed as a passphrase which consists of multiple dictionary words.
    - (4) That passwords are significantly different from the previous four passwords. Passwords that increment by simply adding a number are not considered significantly different.
  - h. When accessing Confidential Information from an external location (the Data will traverse the Internet or otherwise travel outside the Contractor's network), mitigate risk and enforce password and logon requirements for users by employing measures including:
    - (1) Ensuring mitigations applied to the system don't allow end-user modification.
    - (2) Not allowing the use of dial-up connections.
    - (3) Using industry standard protocols and solutions for remote access. Examples would include RADIUS and Citrix.

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- (4) Encrypting all remote access traffic from the external workstation to Trusted Network or to a component within the Trusted Network. The traffic must be encrypted at all times while traversing any network, including the Internet, which is not a Trusted Network.
  - (5) Ensuring that the remote access system prompts for re-authentication or performs automated session termination after no more than 30 minutes of inactivity.
  - (6) Ensuring use of Multi-factor Authentication to connect from the external end point to the internal end point.
  - i. Passwords or PIN codes may meet a lesser standard if used in conjunction with another authentication mechanism, such as a biometric (fingerprint, face recognition, iris scan) or token (software, hardware, smart card, etc.) in that case:
    - (1) The PIN or password must be at least 5 letters or numbers when used in conjunction with at least one other authentication factor
    - (2) Must not be comprised of all the same letter or number (11111, 22222, aaaaa, would not be acceptable)
    - (3) Must not contain a "run" of three or more consecutive numbers (12398, 98743 would not be acceptable)
  - j. If the contract specifically allows for the storage of Confidential Information on a Mobile Device, passcodes used on the device must:
    - (1) Be a minimum of six alphanumeric characters.
    - (2) Contain at least three unique character classes (upper case, lower case, letter, number).
    - (3) Not contain more than a three consecutive character run. Passcodes consisting of 12345, or abcd12 would not be acceptable.
  - k. Render the device unusable after a maximum of 10 failed logon attempts.
- 5. Protection of Data.** The Contractor agrees to store Data on one or more of the following media and protect the Data as described:
- a. **Hard disk drives.** For Data stored on local workstation hard disks, access to the Data will be restricted to Authorized User(s) by requiring logon to the local workstation using a Unique User ID and Hardened Password or other authentication mechanisms which provide equal or greater security, such as biometrics or smart cards.
  - b. **Network server disks.** For Data stored on hard disks mounted on network servers and made available through shared folders, access to the Data will be restricted to Authorized Users through the use of access control lists which will grant access only after the Authorized User has authenticated to the network using a Unique User ID and Hardened Password or other authentication mechanisms which provide equal or greater security, such as biometrics or smart cards. Data on disks mounted to such servers must be located in an area which is accessible only to authorized personnel, with access controlled through use of a key, card key, combination lock, or comparable mechanism.

For DSHS Confidential Information stored on these disks, deleting unneeded Data is sufficient as long as the disks remain in a Secure Area and otherwise meet the requirements listed in the above

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paragraph. Destruction of the Data, as outlined below in Section 8 Data Disposition, may be deferred until the disks are retired, replaced, or otherwise taken out of the Secure Area.

- c. **Optical discs (CDs or DVDs) in local workstation optical disc drives.** Data provided by DSHS on optical discs which will be used in local workstation optical disc drives and which will not be transported out of a Secure Area. When not in use for the contracted purpose, such discs must be Stored in a Secure Area. Workstations which access DSHS Data on optical discs must be located in an area which is accessible only to authorized personnel, with access controlled through use of a key, card key, combination lock, or comparable mechanism.
- d. **Optical discs (CDs or DVDs) in drives or jukeboxes attached to servers.** Data provided by DSHS on optical discs which will be attached to network servers and which will not be transported out of a Secure Area. Access to Data on these discs will be restricted to Authorized Users through the use of access control lists which will grant access only after the Authorized User has authenticated to the network using a Unique User ID and Hardened Password or other authentication mechanisms which provide equal or greater security, such as biometrics or smart cards. Data on discs attached to such servers must be located in an area which is accessible only to authorized personnel, with access controlled through use of a key, card key, combination lock, or comparable mechanism.
- e. **Paper documents.** Any paper records must be protected by storing the records in a Secure Area which is only accessible to authorized personnel. When not in use, such records must be stored in a Secure Area.
- f. **Remote Access.** Access to and use of the Data over the State Governmental Network (SGN) or Secure Access Washington (SAW) will be controlled by DSHS staff who will issue authentication credentials (e.g. a Unique User ID and Hardened Password) to Authorized Users on Contractor's staff. Contractor will notify DSHS staff immediately whenever an Authorized User in possession of such credentials is terminated or otherwise leaves the employ of the Contractor, and whenever an Authorized User's duties change such that the Authorized User no longer requires access to perform work for this Contract.
- g. **Data storage on portable devices or media.**
  - (1) Except where otherwise specified herein, DSHS Data shall not be stored by the Contractor on portable devices or media unless specifically authorized within the terms and conditions of the Contract. If so authorized, the Data shall be given the following protections:
    - (a) Encrypt the Data.
    - (b) Control access to devices with a Unique User ID and Hardened Password or stronger authentication method such as a physical token or biometrics.
    - (c) Manually lock devices whenever they are left unattended and set devices to lock automatically after a period of inactivity, if this feature is available. Maximum period of inactivity is 20 minutes.
    - (d) Apply administrative and physical security controls to Portable Devices and Portable Media by:
      - i. Keeping them in a Secure Area when not in use,
      - ii. Using check-in/check-out procedures when they are shared, and
      - iii. Taking frequent inventories.

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- (2) When being transported outside of a Secure Area, Portable Devices and Portable Media with DSHS Confidential Information must be under the physical control of Contractor staff with authorization to access the Data, even if the Data is encrypted.

### h. Data stored for backup purposes.

- (1) DSHS Confidential Information may be stored on Portable Media as part of a Contractor's existing, documented backup process for business continuity or disaster recovery purposes. Such storage is authorized until such time as that media would be reused during the course of normal backup operations. If backup media is retired while DSHS Confidential Information still exists upon it, such media will be destroyed at that time in accordance with the disposition requirements below in Section 8 *Data Disposition*.
- (2) Data may be stored on non-portable media (e.g. Storage Area Network drives, virtual media, etc.) as part of a Contractor's existing, documented backup process for business continuity or disaster recovery purposes. If so, such media will be protected as otherwise described in this exhibit. If this media is retired while DSHS Confidential Information still exists upon it, the data will be destroyed at that time in accordance with the disposition requirements below in Section 8 *Data Disposition*.

### i. Cloud storage. DSHS Confidential Information requires protections equal to or greater than those specified elsewhere within this exhibit. Cloud storage of Data is problematic as neither DSHS nor the Contractor has control of the environment in which the Data is stored. For this reason:

- (1) DSHS Data will not be stored in any consumer grade Cloud solution, unless all of the following conditions are met:
  - (a) Contractor has written procedures in place governing use of the Cloud storage and Contractor attests in writing that all such procedures will be uniformly followed.
  - (b) The Data will be Encrypted while within the Contractor network.
  - (c) The Data will remain Encrypted during transmission to the Cloud.
  - (d) The Data will remain Encrypted at all times while residing within the Cloud storage solution.
  - (e) The Contractor will possess a decryption key for the Data, and the decryption key will be possessed only by the Contractor and/or DSHS.
  - (f) The Data will not be downloaded to non-authorized systems, meaning systems that are not on either the DSHS or Contractor networks.
  - (g) The Data will not be decrypted until downloaded onto a computer within the control of an Authorized User and within either the DSHS or Contractor's network.
- (2) Data will not be stored on an Enterprise Cloud storage solution unless either:
  - (a) The Cloud storage provider is treated as any other Sub-Contractor, and agrees in writing to all of the requirements within this exhibit; or,
  - (b) The Cloud storage solution used is FedRAMP certified.
- (3) If the Data includes protected health information covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Cloud provider must sign a Business Associate Agreement prior to Data being stored in their Cloud solution.

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- 6. System Protection.** To prevent compromise of systems which contain DSHS Data or through which that Data passes:
- a. Systems containing DSHS Data must have all security patches or hotfixes applied within 3 months of being made available.
  - b. The Contractor will have a method of ensuring that the requisite patches and hotfixes have been applied within the required timeframes.
  - c. Systems containing DSHS Data shall have an Anti-Malware application, if available, installed.
  - d. Anti-Malware software shall be kept up to date. The product, its anti-virus engine, and any malware database the system uses, will be no more than one update behind current.
- 7. Data Segregation.**
- a. DSHS Data must be segregated or otherwise distinguishable from non-DSHS data. This is to ensure that when no longer needed by the Contractor, all DSHS Data can be identified for return or destruction. It also aids in determining whether DSHS Data has or may have been compromised in the event of a security breach. As such, one or more of the following methods will be used for data segregation.
    - (1) DSHS Data will be kept on media (e.g. hard disk, optical disc, tape, etc.) which will contain no non-DSHS Data. And/or,
    - (2) DSHS Data will be stored in a logical container on electronic media, such as a partition or folder dedicated to DSHS Data. And/or,
    - (3) DSHS Data will be stored in a database which will contain no non-DSHS data. And/or,
    - (4) DSHS Data will be stored within a database and will be distinguishable from non-DSHS data by the value of a specific field or fields within database records.
    - (5) When stored as physical paper documents, DSHS Data will be physically segregated from non-DSHS data in a drawer, folder, or other container.
  - b. When it is not feasible or practical to segregate DSHS Data from non-DSHS data, then both the DSHS Data and the non-DSHS data with which it is commingled must be protected as described in this exhibit.
- 8. Data Disposition.** When the contracted work has been completed or when the Data is no longer needed, except as noted above in Section 5.b, Data shall be returned to DSHS or destroyed. Media on which Data may be stored and associated acceptable methods of destruction are as follows:

<b>Data stored on:</b>	<b>Will be destroyed by:</b>
Server or workstation hard disks, or  Removable media (e.g. floppies, USB flash drives, portable hard disks) excluding optical discs	Using a "wipe" utility which will overwrite the Data at least three (3) times using either random or single character data, or  Degaussing sufficiently to ensure that the Data cannot be reconstructed, or  Physically destroying the disk

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Paper documents with sensitive or Confidential Information	Recycling through a contracted firm, provided the contract with the recycler assures that the confidentiality of Data will be protected.
Paper documents containing Confidential Information requiring special handling (e.g. protected health information)	On-site shredding, pulping, or incineration
Optical discs (e.g. CDs or DVDs)	Incineration, shredding, or completely defacing the readable surface with a coarse abrasive
Magnetic tape	Degaussing, incinerating or crosscut shredding

- 9. Notification of Compromise or Potential Compromise.** The compromise or potential compromise of DSHS shared Data must be reported to the DSHS Contact designated in the Contract within one (1) business day of discovery. If no DSHS Contact is designated in the Contract, then the notification must be reported to the DSHS Privacy Officer at [dshsprivacyofficer@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:dshsprivacyofficer@dshs.wa.gov). Contractor must also take actions to mitigate the risk of loss and comply with any notification or other requirements imposed by law or DSHS.
- 10. Data shared with Subcontractors.** If DSHS Data provided under this Contract is to be shared with a subcontractor, the Contract with the subcontractor must include all of the data security provisions within this Contract and within any amendments, attachments, or exhibits within this Contract. If the Contractor cannot protect the Data as articulated within this Contract, then the contract with the subcontractor must be submitted to the DSHS Contact specified for this contract for review and approval.

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# AAA DSHS / HCA Systems Access Request



### AAA Adding Users

An Area Agency on Aging (AAA) may request access to various systems for its employees or contractors (AAA Users) under its Data Share Agreements (DSA) with DSHS and HCA. This Systems Access Request (SAR) form must be signed by the AAA Authorizer and AAA User then sent to the ALTSA SUA Coordinator via secure email at: [hcsaaarequest@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:hcsaaarequest@dshs.wa.gov).

### AAA Removing Users

The AAA Authorizer must also notify the DSHS ALTSA SUA Coordinator using the SAR form within five (5) business days whenever an employee (AAA User) with access rights leaves employment or has a change of duties such that the employee no longer requires access. If the removal of access is emergent, please include that information with the request.

### AAA Subcontractors Adding Users

If access is being requested by an AAA subcontractor, the subcontractor must send the SAR form to the AAA via secure email, who will then send it to the ALTSA SUA Coordinator via secure email at [hcsaaarequest@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:hcsaaarequest@dshs.wa.gov). The ALTSA SUA Coordinator will accept the completed SAR form only from the AAA, not the subcontractor.

### AAA Subcontractors Removing Users

The AAA subcontractor must also use the SAR form to provide notice to the AAA within five (5) business days whenever a subcontractor employee (AAA User) with access rights leaves employment or has a change of duties such that the employee no longer requires access. If the removal of access is emergent, please include that information with the request.

**DSHS and HCA will grant / remove the appropriate access permissions to the AAA User.**

REQUEST TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> New user access <input type="checkbox"/> Update user access <input type="checkbox"/> Remove user access <input type="checkbox"/> Change user name	REQUESTING ORGANIZATION AND MAILING ADDRESS	DATE RECEIVED  USER'S CARE ID (IF APPLICABLE)
SYSTEMS ACCESS REQUESTED THROUGH ALTSA <input type="checkbox"/> VPN * <input type="checkbox"/> ALTSA Data Mart – CARE <input type="checkbox"/> PRISM * <input type="checkbox"/> ACES Online <input type="checkbox"/> ALTSA Data Mart – P1 / AFRS <input type="checkbox"/> Client Registry * <input type="checkbox"/> IPOne – Remove Only <input type="checkbox"/> WaCareRpt Database		
SYSTEMS ACCESS REQUEST SET UP AT AAA LEVEL <input type="checkbox"/> CARE Web Production + Practice <input type="checkbox"/> ADSA Reporting <input type="checkbox"/> QA Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> Barcode Select one. <input type="checkbox"/> CLC / GetCare <input type="checkbox"/> BCS – Background Check <input type="checkbox"/> ProviderOne View Only** <input type="checkbox"/> ACD – Select one.		
<b>AAA / Subcontractor User Information</b>		
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME
		MIDDLE INITIAL
ID NUMBER***	PHONE NUMBER (AREA CODE)	USER'S EMAIL ADDRESS****
TITLE		PRIOR NAME (CHANGE NAME REQUEST)
AAA / SUBCONTRACTOR OFFICE		ACCESS JUSTIFICATION
* Please include required forms (see instructions) in addition to the 17-226. ** For ProviderOne, please fill out the separate Non-HCA Employee Access Request form and send it as a separate request. *** <b>Required:</b> The ID Number is assigned by the AAA Authorizer. **** No generic email addresses (e.g. Hotmail, Gmail, Yahoo, etc.)		
<b>Protected Data Access Authorization</b>		
The HIPAA Security rule states that every employee that needs access to electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) receives authorization from an appropriate authority and that the need for this access based on job function or responsibility is documented. I, the undersigned AAA Authorizer, verify that the individual for whom this access is being requested (AAA User) has a business need to access this data, has completed the required HIPAA training and the annual IT Security training and has signed the required AAA User Agreement on System Usage and Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information included with this Access Request. This AAA User's access to this information is appropriate under the HIPAA Information Access Management standard. In addition, this employee has been instructed on 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 2 that governs the use of alcohol and drug abuse information and is aware that this type of data must be used only in accordance with these regulations. I have also ensured that the necessary steps have been taken to validate the AAA User's identity before approving access to confidential and protected information.		
<b>Authorizing Signature</b>		
AAA AUTHORIZER'S SIGNATURE	DATE	PRINTED NAME
		EMAIL ADDRESS

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### AAA User Agreement on System Usage and Non-disclosure of Confidential Information

Your AAA has entered into Data Share Agreement(s) with the state of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and Health Care Authority (HCA) that will allow you access to data and records that are deemed Confidential Information as defined below. Prior to accessing this Confidential Information you must sign this AAA User Agreement System Usage and Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information (Agreement).

#### **Confidential Information**

"Confidential Information" means information that is exempt from disclosure to the public or other unauthorized persons under Chapter 42.56 RCW or other federal or state laws. Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, Protected Health Information and Personal Information.

"Protected Health Information" means information 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 the past, present or future payment for provision of health care to an individual and includes demographic information that identifies the individual or can be used to identify the individual.

"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, credit card numbers, any other identifying numbers, and any financial identifiers.

#### **Regulatory Requirements and Penalties**

State laws (including, but not limited to, RCW 74.04.060, RCW 74.34.095, and RCW 70.02.020) and federal regulations (including, but not limited to, HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules, 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164; Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records, 42 CFR, Part 2; and Safeguarding Information on Applicants and Beneficiaries, 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart F) prohibit unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of Confidential Information. Violation of these laws may result in criminal or civil penalties or fines.

#### **AAA User Assurance of Confidentiality**

In consideration for DSHS and HCA granting me access to the PRISM, ProviderOne, or other systems and the Confidential Information in those systems, I agree that I:

- 1) Will access, use, and disclose Confidential Information only in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and consistent with applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.
- 2) Have an authorized business requirement to access and use DSHS or HCA systems and view DSHS or HCA Confidential Information.
- 3) Will not use or disclose any Confidential Information gained by reason of this Agreement for any commercial or personal purpose, research or any other purpose that is not directly connected with client care coordination and quality improvement.
- 4) Will not use my access to look up or view information about family members, friends, the relatives or friends of other employees, or any persons who are not directly related to my assigned job duties.
- 5) Will not discuss Confidential Information in public spaces in a manner in which unauthorized individuals could overhear and will not discuss Confidential Information with unauthorized individuals, including spouses, domestic partners, family members, or friends.
- 6) Will protect all Confidential Information against unauthorized use, access, disclosure, or loss by employing reasonable security measures, including physically securing any computers, documents, or other media containing Confidential Information and viewing Confidential Information only on secure workstations in non-public areas.
- 7) Will not make copies of Confidential Information or print system screens unless necessary to perform my assigned job duties and will not transfer any Confidential Information to a portable electronic device or medium, or remove Confidential Information on a portable device or medium from facility premises, unless the information is encrypted and I have obtained prior permission from my supervisor.
- 8) Will access, use or disclose only the "minimum necessary" Confidential Information required to perform my assigned job duties.
- 9) Will protect my DSHS and HCA systems User ID and password and not share them with anyone or allow others to use any DSHS or HCA system logged in as me.
- 10) Will not distribute, transfer, or otherwise share any DSHS software with anyone.
- 11) Will forward any requests that I may receive to disclose Confidential Information to my supervisor for resolution and will immediately inform my supervisor of any actual or potential security breaches involving Confidential Information, or of any access to or use of Confidential Information by unauthorized users.
- 12) Understand at any time, DSHS or HCA may audit, investigate, monitor, access, and disclose information about my use of the systems and that my intentional or unintentional violation of the terms of this Agreement may result in revocation of privileges to access the systems, disciplinary actions against me, or possible civil or criminal penalties or fines.
- 13) Understand that my assurance of confidentiality and these requirements will continue and do not cease at the time I terminate my relationship with my employer.

#### **Signature**

AAA / SUBCONTRACTOR USER'S SIGNATURE      DATE

AAA USER'S PRINTED NAME



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### AAA Systems Access Request Instructions

Please submit requests individually.

The AAA DSHS / HCA Systems Access Request form is for use by AAA entities from outside and within the DSHS domain (DSHS firewall). AAA entities have different procedures to request the majority of their needed system access but will use the form for those systems requiring a set up or approval by HCS, DDA, or MSD. AAA entities will also use this form when staff transfer between agencies or to terminate access when employees leave employment.

#### Request Type

- Check one of the options (New, Update, Remove, or Name change). **Removal must be submitted within five (5) days of exit.**
  - New user – The user has been approved for access to one of the programs listed and has no previous requests submitted.
  - Update user – User has access to one or more of the systems listed but an additional access is needed. Only mark the box next to the additional item.
  - Remove user – Mark each of the boxes for which access is to be removed.
  - Change user name – Use to update the user name due to a change. For ProviderOne this will result in the termination of the prior account and a new account created.

#### Requesting Organization and Mailing Address

- Enter the user's office name and address (subcontractors enter their organization name and address).

#### System Access Requested Sections

- Check the box next to each system requested and attach any additional documentation required for the program. If you need a copy of the VPN form, please contact ALTSA.
- ALTSA Data Mart. Access is specific to each data source. If both data sources are needed, both boxes must be selected.
- Applications in the AAA section (Barcode, DDA / HCS Reporting, CARE, QA Monitor) are created at the AAA office. A signed copy of the 17-226 form must be submitted to [hcsaaarequest@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:hcsaaarequest@dshs.wa.gov) via secured email before the account(s) can be created.
  - **Note:** The PRISM and Client Registry boxes should be checked if the new staff member will be eligible for access. An extra step of user and ethics training will be required for all PRISM and Client Registry users and must be completed prior to system access.
  - Barcode field can be one of the following options: All Case Managers, CM Supervisor, Clerical, Clerical Supervisor, Intern, Admin Hearing Coordinator, Barcode Specialist, CM JRP or AAA IT.
  - ACD – Contracts Database can be one of the following options: 4 – Sign Contracts; 5 – Create Contracts; or 9 – Approve Contracts.
  - ProviderOne – Fill out the HCA Non-Employee Access Request form and submit it separately to the ALTSA SUA Coordinator. HCS Non-Employee forms submitted by Colville, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, and Yakama should be submitted using secure email or MFT (managed file transfer).

#### AAA User Information

- Enter the user information as indicated.
- The AAA Authorizer will assign an ID number from the list provided by the ALTSA SUA Coordinator.
  - Form will be rejected if this field is left blank.
- Under AAA Office enter the AAA Authorizer's regional office.

#### Access Justification

- Enter reason access is needed such as Case Management and Coordination, Nursing Coordination, Oversight and Supervision, Determination of Eligibility.

#### Authorizing Signature

- AAA Authorizer – the authorizer will be verified by the ALTSA SUA Coordinator.  
**Note:** AAA Authorizer signature guarantees that the staff member who is asking for access is eligible for the systems access requested.

#### Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information

- Ensure that the AAA staff member has read the AAA User Agreement on System Usage and Non-disclosure of Confidential Information on the second page of the AAA Systems Access Request form.
- Enter the requesting user's name and have them sign and date the agreement.

Once completed, scan both sides of the form and email to [hcsaaarequest@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:hcsaaarequest@dshs.wa.gov) using secure email. Do not email forms directly to ALTSA Helpdesk or ALTSA Helpdesk staff.

**Exhibit B**  
**AAA Systems Access Request**  
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**Why was my form rejected?**

- Missing information:
  - The Employee ID field is left blank
  - Barcode or ACD profile selection is missing
- Incorrect information:
  - Email address is invalid (e.g. emailing credentials results in a bounce-back or is an Outlook.com, Gmail, etc. address)
  - Employee ID is already in use – check your spreadsheet and ensure the EID hasn't been used before
- Form is not signed.
  - Ensure both the AAA Authorizer and AAA User have signed in the appropriate fields
- VPN request form is missing from the request.



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- Washington Department of Social and Health Services

If no results are found, this individual or entity (if it is an entity search) is not currently excluded. Print this Web page for your documentation

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