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Washington State Health Care Authority
Global Medicaid Transformation Team

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A), I appreciate the opportunity to express our support for the ten ACH project templates submitted by the Aging and Long Term Support Administration. We strongly encourage the Health Care Authority to include all of these project templates in its final ACH project toolkit and to continue to invest in structures and incentives that ensure close coordination among them.

In addition, W4A recommends the inclusion of other related project templates, particularly those that support community options for individuals with intensive support needs. In particular, W4A recommends including in the ACH project toolkit the following templates submitted by our local partners:

- 1. Maximizing Engagement in Community-Based Care Coordination** *submitted by the Northwest Regional Council*
- 2. Community Health Workers Linking and Engaging Difficult-to-Locate and High Utilizers to Community-Based Care Coordination Services** *submitted by the Foundation for Healthy Generations*

All of the above-mentioned ACH project templates support the Medicaid Transformation goals of being founded in evidence-based or promising practice research, of promoting the integrity and objectives of the federal Medicaid Program and of having the potential to show a return on investment within the five year waiver demonstration. Because several of the approaches have already been tested by the Area Agencies on Aging, they are shovel ready, and they are scalable to our network so that they can positively impact a substantial number of Medicaid enrollees. These targeted clinical, community prevention and health promotion practices address significant health needs statewide, demonstrate collaboration between the health and social service sectors and promote statewide scaling, spreading, and sustainability of care delivery models. We strongly encourage the Health Care Authority to include all of these templates in your ACH project toolkit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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