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Governor Bill Walker
STATE OF ALASKA

July 16, 2015

Ms. Kathy Greenlee
Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging
Administration for Community Living
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Ms. Greenlee:

This plan document represents Alaska's formal submission of the Alaska State Plan for Senior Services, FY 2016-2019 to the U.S. Administration on Community Living/Administration on Aging seeking approval. This State Plan is Alaska's roadmap that will guide the provision of senior services in our state over the next four years.

As Governor of the State of Alaska, I hereby designate the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services as the sole State agency on aging as required under Section 305 of the Older Americans Act.

If you have any questions regarding this designation, please contact Commissioner Valerie Davidson directly at 907-269-7800 or val.davidson@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker
Governor

cc: The Honorable Valerie Davidson, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Duane Mayes, Director, Division of Senior and Disabilities Services, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Mary E. Shields, Chair, Alaska Commission on Aging, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Denise Daniello, Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Aging, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

DHSS Commissioner signed approval

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES STATE PLAN FOR SENIOR SERVICES APPROVAL and VERIFICATION OF INTENT

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) hereby submits the Alaska State Plan for Senior Services for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019 (State fiscal years 2016-2019) for approval by the U.S. Administration on Community Living/Administration on Aging.

Governor Bill Walker has designated the Department of Health and Social Services as Alaska's sole state agency on aging. The Alaska Commission on Aging within DHSS is authorized by Alaska Statute 47.45.240(a)(1) to develop the state plan for senior services in accordance with the provisions of the Older Americans Act and its amendments. The plan, as submitted, documents the needs of older Alaskans and establishes direction for the coordination of all State activities related to seniors, with an emphasis on those efforts related to the Older Americans Act, including the development of a comprehensive and coordinated system for the delivery of supportive services.

The Plan, as submitted, has been developed in accordance with all federal statutory and regulatory requirements.

The Alaska State Plan for Senior Services is hereby approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services, as the Governor's designee, and constitutes authorization to proceed with activities under the Plan upon approval by the Assistant Secretary for Aging.

I hereby approve this state plan and am pleased to present it to Alaskans.

7/9/15
Date


Valerie Davidson, Commissioner