



Advancing independence and inclusion of older adults and people with disabilities

September 27, 2024

The Honorable Josh Shapiro
Governor
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Shapiro:

I am pleased to inform you that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Plan on Aging under the Older Americans Act for October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2028 has been approved.

The State Plan outlines significant activities that will serve as a guide for the Pennsylvania aging service network during the next four (4) years. Of particular note is your interest in aligning the State Plan on Aging priorities with those outlined in *Aging Our Way, PA*, the Commonwealth's multi-sector plan for aging.

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

The Administration for Community Living looks forward to working with you and the Pennsylvania Department of Aging in the implementation of the State Plan. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Rhonda Schwartz, Regional Administrator, at 202-816-2572. Thank you for your efforts toward improving the lives of older persons in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Barkoff".

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

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