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TO: ADSA Stakeholders in Aging and Long-Term Care
Developmental Disabilities
Behavioral Health and Recovery

FROM: Kathy Leitch, Assistant Secretary *KL*
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SUBJECT: **Inviting Your Input on Health Reform**

This memo is to invite you to express your views on key opportunities in health care reform for people with needs related to long-term care, developmental disabilities and behavioral health and recovery. People with those needs are significant consumers of medical care and are supported by multiple systems.

Click [HERE](#) for the opportunity to provide your ideas and suggest improvements to Governor Gregoire's Health Care Cabinet.

As background, on April 1, 2010 Governor Gregoire issued an [Executive Order](#) titled "Implementing Health Reform the Washington Way". Additional details about health reform and her initiatives are posted on the Governor's [Health Care](#) website. Excellent information can also be found in the [handouts](#) from the May 26 meeting of the Joint Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation. In the Governor's order, she asked her Health Care Cabinet to develop a plan by August 1, 2010 that identifies:

- Both long and short range opportunities, issues and gaps created by the enactment of national health reform;
- Structures and processes needed by state agencies to orchestrate reform implementation, including those to appropriately assist the private health care sector in its implementation efforts;
- Workforce capacity and training needs in the public and private sectors;
- Specific action steps, timelines, and assignment of lead responsibility.

Your input is important to this process. We hope to receive as many comments as possible by **June 15**, but we will continue to accept them through the end of June. A preliminary summary will be prepared from the comments received by June 15th. Information received later will be summarized in an addendum.