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**TO:** DDA Staff and Stakeholders

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**SUBJECT: Governor Inslee's 2014 Proposed Supplemental Budget**

This memorandum is primarily to provide a summary of the items of interest to Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) stakeholders in the Governor's proposed 2014 Supplemental Budget, however, I first want to say how honored I am to have been selected by Secretary Kevin Quigley to lead our new Administration into the future. I am interested in working with staff and our stakeholders as we move forward to build a stronger and more responsive system for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

After five years of weathering a very difficult economy, Washington's budget situation has stabilized, but there are still significant challenges on the near horizon. Washington continues to climb out of the Great Recession at a much slower pace than it did from previous economic downturns. It's been nearly six years since the start of the downturn.

In light of these facts, Governor Inslee is proposing modest adjustments to the 2014 Supplemental Budget. There is a very slight .7% overall increase in the DDA budget to meet these changes, which include:

- An expansion of eligibility to Medicaid to individuals between the ages of 19 and 64, with income below 138% of the federal poverty level;
- Funding for full time staff to perform preadmission screening, resident review, and specialized services (when needed) to Nursing Home clients in the Residential Habilitation Centers.
- Reimbursement for developmental and autism screening will be added to the Medicaid plan to assure that children with developmental delays are identified as soon as possible.
- Hiring of additional Residential and Community Services investigators of supported living providers in order to improve the timeliness of investigations, which will be funded through a certification fee.
- The Vulnerable Adults Incident Tracking system (TIVA) which will be funded through the Roads to Community Living grant.

- Development of the Community First Choice option Medicaid waiver which would result in the state receiving an additional 6% federal match for services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities and the elderly. The savings could be re-invested in additional client services.

**Capital Budget**

- Funding added to the Capital budget to make infrastructure repairs at Lakeland Village and Fircrest School.

See a link to the detailed budget report at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget14>

As you know, the decision process now moves on to the Legislature. I will continue to keep you informed as we move through the upcoming legislative session.