



May 5, 2023

The Honorable Josh Shapiro  
508 Main Capitol Building  
501 North 3rd Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120  
*Via Electronic Mail*

Re: Master Plan for Aging and Disabilities - Executive Order Request

Dear Governor Shapiro:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Homecare Association (PHA) and our nearly 700 homecare, home health, hospice, and supporting organizational members, we write to add our voice to the advocates and stakeholders respectfully requesting that you issue an Executive Order to support the development and implementation of Pennsylvania's Master Plan for Aging and Disabilities.

Thank you for your ongoing support for and commitment to home and community-based services for Pennsylvania's seniors and individuals with disabilities. We greatly appreciate your directive to develop and implement Pennsylvania's Master Plan for Aging and Disabilities. We have heard from advocates in other states that similar plans have achieved greater success when the Governor initiated the process with an Executive Order, demonstrating the administration's commitment to the plan and its goals.

As you know, Pennsylvania's 65+ population is growing rapidly and expected to reach 20% of the Commonwealth's population by 2030. Our members provide services to hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians in their homes and communities, and we are committed to helping to ensure high quality, sustainable programs and services for Pennsylvania's seniors and individuals with disabilities. We look forward to working with Secretary Kavulich, Assistant to the Secretary, Kevin Hancock, and other stakeholders in the development of a meaningful, actionable Master Plan for Aging and Disabilities and stand ready to work with your Administration on any initiatives that will help seniors and individuals with disabilities age and receive quality care in their homes and communities.

Thank you for your commitment to this project and for considering an Executive Order. PHA hopes to be a resource to you and your Administration as you move forward in the development of the Master Plan and other priorities. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance or provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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