

Washington State Aging and Long Term Supports Administration



State Agency Mission

To transform lives by promoting choice, independence and safety through innovative services.

Populations Served

- ✓ **Older Adults**
- ✓ **Adults with Physical Disabilities**
- ✓ **Adults with Developmental Disabilities**
- ✓ **Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries**
- ✓ **Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions**
- ✓ **Individuals with Substance Use Disorders**
- ✓ **Other:** Adults with ID/DD who don't meet the statutory criteria or were on a waitlist for ID/DD Administration services.

Organizational Structure

The assistant secretary is hired by a higher-ranking individual, but serves at the convenience of the governor, and administers a staff of 2,299 FTE.

Local Network

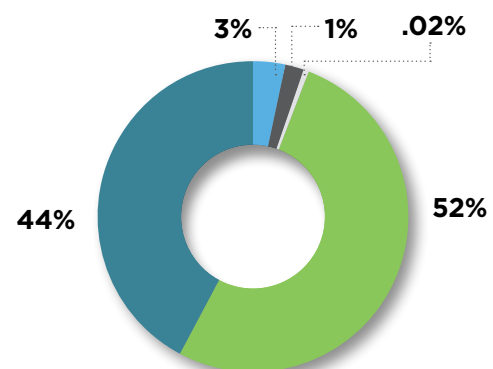
- 13** Area Agencies on Aging
- 29** Tribal Organizations
- 4** Centers for Independent Living

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

- 1.** Post-COVID Planning (resumption of in-person services, facility visitation, addressing back-logs)
- 2.** Mitigating Social Isolation
- 3.** Workforce Shortage
- 4.** Senior Hunger
- 5.** Obtaining and distributing COVID relief items and services, including protective equipment with fit testing, as well as vaccinations for populations served and LTC workers.

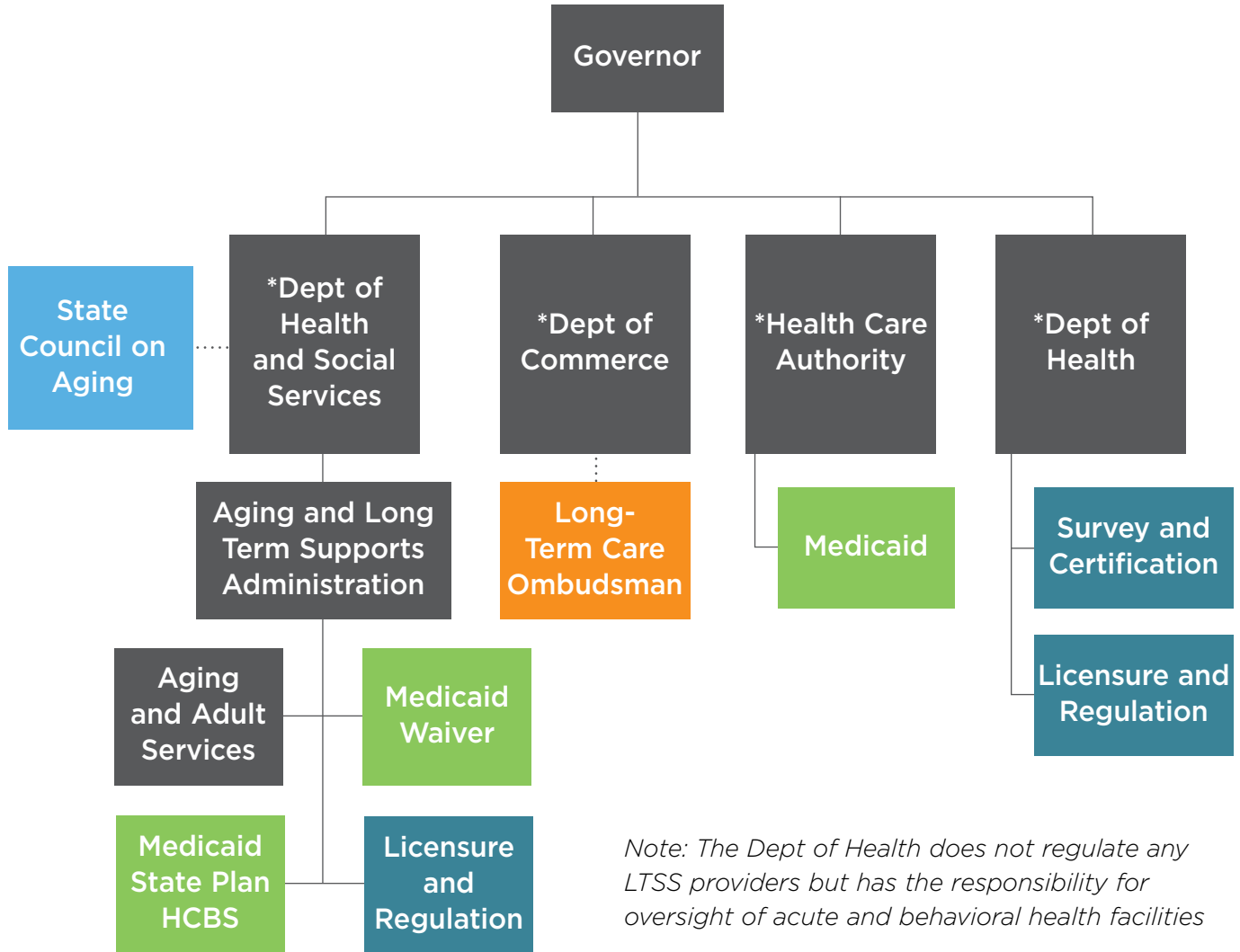
Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$3,393,849,000



■ State Appropriation ■ OAA ■ Medicaid ■ Fees/Fines ■ Other

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- Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
- Medicaid Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- Provider Regulation and Oversight
- Advisory Board
- Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship.
- * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

Responsibilities of the of Washington Aging and Long Term Supports Administration

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	✓
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	✓
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	✓
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	✓
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	
Serve as state guardian	
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	
Manage No Wrong Door system	✓

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	✓
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	✓
Administer PACE program	✓
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	✓
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	✓
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	✓
Administer PASRR	
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	✓

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	✓
License institutional providers	✓
Regulate HCBS providers	✓
License HCBS providers	✓
Certify Assisted Living providers	✓

Key State Initiative

Washington's 1115 Medicaid Transformation Demonstration waiver builds on the success of a rebalanced system where individuals have a community care entitlement for long term services and supports (LTSS). The intent is to demonstrate outcomes associated with:

- 1) creating quick access to services through use of presumptive eligibility;
- 2) delaying or avoiding the need for more intensive Medicaid-funded LTSS by supporting unpaid family caregivers and individuals at risk of Medicaid utilization and/or spend-down; and
- 3) providing supportive housing and supported employment to individuals eligible for Medicaid funded LTSS.

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/stakeholders/medicaid-transformation-demonstration>

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/healthier-washington/medicaid-transformation-resources>

