



State of Iowa  
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY - SEVEN**

- WHEREAS,** older Iowans should enjoy the freedom to choose from a variety of living and service options that guarantee their optimum health, dignity, autonomy and independence; and
- WHEREAS,** limited income and personal resources should not prevent access to a full array of quality services sufficient to provide a safe, healthy and satisfying environment in which to live; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa should have a long term living system that ensures no Iowan is abused, experiences preventable deteriorating health, emotional or social isolation because of disability or the frailties of aging; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to expand Iowa's ability to provide services to people in ways that delay and prevent institutional placement rather than merely serving those eligible for institutional care; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Iowa currently provides a wide variety of services to older Iowans across the enterprise of state government; and
- WHEREAS,** the need exists to develop a seamless and comprehensive service delivery system, which can be designed to address the state's critical needs; and
- WHEREAS,** a comprehensive effort to develop strategies for improving and re-shaping the structure and nature of senior services in this state must include steps to coordinate the services that are delivered by all Departments within the State of Iowa.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Thomas J. Vilsack, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power vested in me by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, do hereby order and direct the creation of the AGING SERVICES CABINET.

1. Purpose. The Aging Services Cabinet shall be convened to increase coordination and improve integration of health and social services for older Iowans across state government. The Aging Services Cabinet shall advise the Governor's office on workable strategies for developing a well-coordinated and seamless senior service delivery system, wherein the Departments of state government work together in a more cohesive manner to assess and deliver needed services to older Iowans.

The Aging Services Cabinet shall address pertinent issues that affect the lives of older Iowans. The Cabinet may consider issues which include, but shall not be limited to: expanded and targeted case management services in the elderly waiver; a community choice counseling process; use of technology to make determination of eligibility more efficient and effective in developing care plans (Iowa's Seamless project); improving access to the long term care system by citizens; the unique behavioral health problems facing older Iowans; the challenges of recruiting and

retaining an adequate and qualified caregiver workforce; the challenges of providing services in rural Iowa; services that enhance the quality of life of older Iowans; and consumer education to promote healthy aging and assist older Iowans in making the service and care decisions that face them.

- II. Organization. The Aging Services Cabinet shall be composed of the Directors of the Department of Elder Affairs, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Inspections and Appeals and the Department of Public Health. The Aging Services Cabinet shall consult with other State Departments, representatives from the Iowa General Assembly, the Governor's Office, aging services stakeholders and providers within the state, and state residents as is necessary to fulfill its purpose.

The Department of Human Services will be the lead Department for the Aging Services Cabinet and will provide administrative support for the Cabinet.

- III. Activities. The Aging Services Cabinet shall meet at the call of the Governor. In addition, the Cabinet shall convene no less than quarterly in order to coordinate activities and share information on tasks as assigned by the Governor.

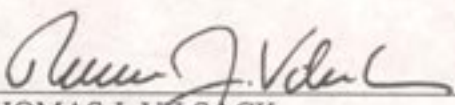
The Aging Services Cabinet shall commence its activities by taking the following steps: (1) identify all of the current activities within state government that serve older Iowans; (2) identify a narrow set of priority issues to improve services to older Iowans (these issues shall consist of topics that have a significant impact on all older Iowans and compliment existing efforts); (3) generate recommendations for addressing priority issues including policy options and an implementation strategy and timeline; (4) prepare action plan for implementing recommendations approved by the Governor.

The Cabinet shall submit a written report to the Governor's Office no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 with short term recommendations and a follow-up report June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 with long term recommendations and implementation plans.

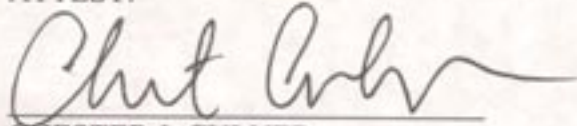
The Aging Services Cabinet shall be disbanded on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand four.

  
THOMAS J. VILSACK  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



CHESTER J. CULVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE