

January 2, 2026

Dear County Administrator:

I am pleased to share with you the 2026 Administrative Entity Operating Agreement (AEOA) between the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs and your Administrative Entity (AE). Effective **January 1, 2026**, this Agreement replaces the current Agreement which was effective March 1, 2019.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment to administering quality services and supports in your County/Joinder. The revisions to the AEOA were made with considerable input and recommendations submitted by AEs and the Pennsylvania Association of County Administrators of Mental Health and Developmental Services. ODP appreciates the collaborative approach in finalizing the Agreement as well as the time and effort spent by these parties in preparing recommendations and submitting comments.

Please review each section thoroughly and return at least one signed original of the completed cover page with the AE's name and signature page (Page 1 and 3) of the Agreement to the appropriate regional office by **March 2, 2026**.

Please contact your ODP Regional Program Manager with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kristin Ahrens Deputy Secretary

Attachments