## ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES FOR SUPPORT COORDINATION AGENCIES (SCAs)

• OAAS-TNG-25-002







Effective January 7, 2025 SCAs may begin obtaining electronic signatures in accordance with the OAAS **Electronic Signature Policy for** SCAs, OAAS-ADM-25-001.







# SIGNATURES FROM OAAS WAIVER - PARTICIPANTS -

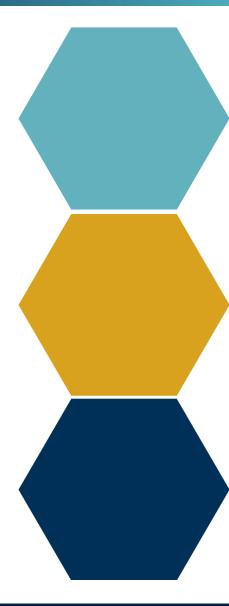
When the Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) SCAs are obtaining signatures, they may use one of the following types of signatures:

 Wet signatures—physical, handwritten signature made with ink on paper.  Electronic signatures—an electronic process via software that indicates agreement to a document.



### **OBTAINING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES**

- The SCA MUST:
  - Adhere to the State of Louisiana Division of Administration
    Office of Technology Services (OTS) Information Security Policy Information Security Louisiana Division of Administration
    (DOA).
  - O Use an electronic signature platform that meets:
    - LDH HIPAA requirements https://ldh.la.gov/page/hipaa; and
    - OTS Information Security Policy: Information Security -Louisiana Division of Administration (la.gov).
  - Have a Business Associate Agreement (BAA) between the SCA and the electronic signature platform provider.





#### PARTICIPANT ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

- The Participant MUST:
  - Agree to use the electronic signature option.
  - Be capable of using the electronic signature option



NOTE: If at any time, a participant states that they want to sign ANY documents with a wet signature and NOT an electronic signature, the SCA must accommodate this request.





#### SCAs MUST ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

- Authenticity of the signature;
  - Electronic signature platform must capture the IP address;
  - If face-to-face, ensure that the participant is actually signing the document via electronic format;
- That any Protected Health Information (PHI) contained within the document is protected from unauthorized access and disclosure; and
- The document is protected after it is signed electronically.



## QUESTIONS



### **THANK YOU**

