

## **Parents as Paid Caregiver Policies are Open for Public Comment (May 9 - July 9, 2025)**

AHCCCS and DES/DDD are proposing revisions to their policies that impact the Parents as Paid Caregiver (PPCG) service model. These revisions include commitments made to CMS in the 1115 Waiver proposal. They also include terms and conditions of the state's authority approval and recent legislation (HB 2945).

AHCCCS policies will be open for public comment beginning May 9, 2025. The DES/DDD policies will be open for public comment on June 9, 2025. Both agencies are collecting public comments to streamline the process for stakeholders. AHCCCS and DES/DDD will also host two public forums during the public comment period.

This document provides details on how to submit public comments. It also has guidance for how to streamline your review of the proposed policy changes and share your feedback with both agencies.

### **Public Forums**

These forums will provide a summary of the overall themes in the revised policies as well as the recommended order of review for efficient flow. Information will also provide details on the process the agencies will use to capture public comment. The agencies will not be taking public comments during the forums; however, they will answer questions regarding the public comment process. The goal is to redirect stakeholders to the process that has been created to ensure everyone's input is recorded and documented. This will allow both agencies to efficiently review and consider all comments.

Public Forums are scheduled for the following dates and times.

#### **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

6-7:30 PM

[Registration Link](#)

Join by phone: 669-254-5252

Webinar ID: 161 532 4723

#### **Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

2-3:30 PM

[Registration Link](#)

Join by phone: 669-254-5252

Webinar ID: 161 532 4723

## **Policies and Exhibits Open for Public Comment**

The table below outlines the AHCCCS and DDD Policies and Exhibits open for public comment. The DDD policies contain the same content as the AHCCCS policies when DDD has the same policy number open. DDD also has some policies that are unique to them. They are also open for comment which is why they are not listed under AHCCCS. Lastly, DDD does not have its own versions of the exhibits, they will adopt the AHCCCS versions. DDD, following its required timelines, will be posting its policies on June 9, 2025, 30 days after AHCCCS posts.

Feedback can be submitted on any of the policies outlined below. Focusing on the AHCCCS policies and the DDD policies that don't also have an AHCCCS version will streamline the review process for most people. Those policies are grayed out on the DDD side of the table. The content related to PPCG has the same information on the policies that are listed for both AHCCCS and DES/DDD.

Reviewing the policies in the order they are outlined in the table is the optimal order to review them. They are listed according to the workflow of case management/support coordination and service planning process which will provide more context for review.

Each agency has posted the policies in their typical fashion, but are directing stakeholders to a shared Google form to provide their feedback and input.

To recap, if you want a streamlined approach to reviewing and providing comments on the open policies we suggest:

- If both AHCCCS and DDD have the same policy open for public comment, focus on the AHCCCS policy,
- Review and provide feedback on the policies in the order they are listed, and
- Use the Google Form to provide your feedback

### **AHCCCS Policies**

**Instructions: Policies Open 05/09/25**

1. Visit the [AHCCCS policy portal](#)

### **DDD Policies**

**Instructions: Policies Open on 6/9/2025**

1. Visit the [DDD Policy Website](#)

2. Locate the policy in the list and click on the green “review documents” or policy tab
3. Read the policy and then click on the “comment now” tab
4. Look for a statement that starts with “Please Read” that directs stakeholders to use the Google form if they want to provide feedback on revisions pertaining to the parents as paid caregiver service model.
5. Click on the Google form and answer the questions to provide your feedback and comments on a particular policy. The form has enough sections to allow for comments of every document in a single submission.

2. Locate the header “Parents as Paid Caregivers Policies Open for Public Comment”
3. Within each policy, the first page will be an announcement summarizing the changes.
4. After reviewing the policy, return to the section “DDD PPCG Policies for Public Comment” and select the link to the google form “DDD PPCG Policy Public Comment Submission” to provide feedback for each document. The form has enough sections to allow for comments of every document in a single submission.

Policy	Title	Policy	Title
1620-B	Needs Assessment Care Planning Standard	1620-B	Needs Assessment Care Planning Standard
1620-D	Placement and Service Planning Standard	1620-D	Placement and Service Planning Standard
1620-E	Service Plan Monitoring and Reassessment Standard	1620-E	Service Plan Monitoring and Reassessment Standard
1620-10	Person Centered Service Plan (exhibit)	N/A	
1620-17	HCBS Needs Tool Instructions (exhibit)	N/A	
1620-17	HCBS Needs Tool (exhibit)	N/A	
1620-24	HCBS Scheduling Tool (exhibit)	N/A	
1240-A	Direct Care Services	1240-A	Direct Care Services
1240-A	Service Delivery Monitoring and Supervisory Visit Documentation Form (attachment)	N/A	
1240-E	Habilitation	1240-E	Habilitation

1620-21	Minor Caregiver Options: Discussion Guide and Decision Roadmap (exhibit)	N/A	
1620-22	Parents as Paid Caregiver Service Model Option Acknowledgement of Understanding (exhibit)	N/A	
NA		3001	Family Members as Paid Providers