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## **APD to Hold Tier Workshops**

TALLAHASSEE — The Agency for Person with Disabilities will hold a rule workshop and a public hearing on its proposed rule to implement the Medicaid waiver tiers. The legislatively required tiers went into effect on October 15, 2008. The agency's prior rule was ruled invalid by the 1<sup>st</sup> District Court of Appeals. The workshop and public hearing are on a newly drafted tier rule that was adopted as an emergency rule. Anyone interested in the tier rule should consider attending one of the meetings. The schedule is:

4030 Esplanade  
Way,  
Suite 380  
Tallahassee,  
Florida  
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- **January 6, 10 a.m. - noon, Rule Development Workshop**  
Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 152, 4075 Esplanade  
Way, Tallahassee
- **January 8, 1 - 3 p.m., Public Hearing on the Proposed Rule**  
R. A. Gray Building Auditorium, 500 South Bronough Street,  
Tallahassee

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The text of the proposed rule and the meeting agendas are posted on the APD Web site—[www.APDcares.org/news](http://www.APDcares.org/news).

If you are not able to attend, you may send written comments to: APD General Counsel, 4030 Esplanade Way, Suite 380, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

The agency annually serves about 35,000 Floridians with developmental disabilities of mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and Prader-Willi syndrome. For more information on the agency, call 1-866-APD-CARES or visit [www.APDCares.org](http://www.APDCares.org).

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REMINDER FOR MEDIA---When reporting on stories about people with disabilities, remember to use language that puts the person first, rather than the disability. For example, use phrases such as "persons with disabilities" (instead of "the disabled") and "person who uses a wheelchair" (rather than "wheelchair bound").

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