

WSC ADVISORY #2021-001
QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS AND WSC RULE WORKSHOP

NO ACTION REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE DATE: INFORMATIONAL – RULE HEARING NOTICE

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is committed to a successful implementation of chapter 2020-71, Laws of Florida, effective July 1, 2021. To ensure success, APD will be communicating with Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs) throughout the implementation process. This WSC Advisory is intended to inform WSCs of and encourage attendance/participation in an upcoming proposed rule hearing for chapter 65G-14, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The purpose of chapter 65G-14, F.A.C., is to implement a portion of the statutory changes adopted by chapter 2020-71.

APD held rule workshops on July 30 and November 18, 2020 to receive public input for development of proposed rules relating to Qualified Organizations. Significant feedback, comments, important topics, concerns, and ideas were shared with APD. These comments have been thoroughly reviewed and considered during the development of APD's proposed rule language for Qualified Organizations, chapter 65G-14, F.A.C.

A Notice of Proposed Rule for chapter 65G-14, F.A.C., was published in the Florida Administrative Registrar on January 6, 2021 in volume 47, number 3. The rule hearing is scheduled for January 20, 2021 at 10:00 am EST.

Registration to attend the public workshop is **REQUIRED**. To register, go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7913678178287653899> and provide your information. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information on how to join the webinar. We encourage you to log into the webinar a few minutes early to ensure there are no technical issues. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise APD at least 48 hours before the hearing/meeting by contacting Danielle Thompson at (850) 922-4556 or Danielle.Thompson@apdcares.org. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

Written public comments will be accepted by APD until January 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. EST. The Notice of Proposed Rule, materials incorporated by reference, and other related materials are available at: <https://apd.myflorida.com/publications/legal/>.