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APD to hold Workshops

Tallahassee - The Agency for Person with Disabilities will hold three public meetings this month on implementing the new Medicaid waiver waiting list prioritization approved by the Florida Legislature in the spring. The new proposal goes into effect on July 1, 2010. The agency has been tasked with holding rule workshops around the state on this initiative. Feedback received will be shared with lawmakers during the spring session.

Public input is welcome during these meetings. Interested individuals may attend any of the meetings. The schedule is as follows:

- November 16, from 6-8 p.m.—Tallahassee Community College, 444 Appleyard Dr., Workforce Development Building, Grand Banquet Hall, Tallahassee, ADA Contact: Nilda Barreto, (850) 922-9188
- November 17, from 6-8 p.m.— Rhode Building, 401 NW 2nd Ave, Suite N-1011, Miami, ADA Contact: Area 11 Office, (305) 349-1478
- November 18, from 6-8 p.m.— Hurston Building, 400 W. Robinson Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Orlando, ADA Contact: Area 7 Office, (407) 245-0440

The text of the proposed waitlist rule and workshop agenda is posted on the APD Web site — www.APDCares.org

If you are unable to attend a workshop, you have until December 4 to submit comments. You may send them to:

Denise Arnold APD Community Relations 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.

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