

Notice of Variances and Waivers

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65G-2.008 Staffing Requirements

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 28, 2015, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities received a petition for a waiver from paragraph 65G-2.008(1)(e), F.A.C., from ARC of Washington-Holmes Counties, Inc., (Petitioner). The rule states in part, “(e) Direct service providers must have at least a high school diploma or equivalent. When determining the equivalency of high school diplomas, providers may accept official transcripts, affidavits from educational institutions, and other formal or legal documents that can be reasonably used to determine educational background. Direct service providers who have been hired using the best judgment of the licensee prior to the date of this rule revision, are exempt from this education-related documentation screening requirement. . . .” Petitioner is seeking a waiver from the requirement of paragraph 65G-2.008(1)(e), F.A.C., that direct service providers have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Any interested person or other agency may submit written comments within 14 days after the publication of this notice. Comments received will be made a part of the record regarding the petition for rule waiver.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: David De La Paz, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, 4030 Esplanade Way, Suite 380, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0950, david.delapaz@apdcares.org.