



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Sent on Behalf of DES/DDD

UNWINDING COVID-19 FLEXIBILITY - DIRECT CARE WORKER (DCW) TRAINING CLARIFICATION

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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As [communicated on June 4, 2021](#), AHCCCS announced changes to several COVID-19 flexibilities that will impact DDD members and the professionals who support them. The Division has received clarification regarding the termination of the Direct Care Worker (DCW) training flexibility. **Effective July 1, 2021**, all DCWs will be required to complete their training requirements within 90days of their hire date. This means all agency employees providing Attendant Care services (ATC) or Housekeeping (HSK) must complete the mandatory Direct Care Worker training, including parents providing these services to their minor children. The target date for completion is September 30, 2021.

Qualified Vendors that believe they will be unable to comply by this date may submit a compliance plan to the Division **no later than August 30, 2021**, documenting their plan to bring their employees into compliance and the anticipated date of compliance.

Questions about this requirement and compliance plans should be submitted via email to DDDCBS@azdes.gov.