



DEPARTMENT OF
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Division of Developmental Disabilities

NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is seeking public comment on proposed changes to the **AdSS Medical 963, PEER AND RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICE PROVISION REQUIREMENTS**. This policy has been revised to reflect updates to AHCCCS Medical policy 963.

- Definitions have been updated to include "HIPPA," "Member," "OIFA Alliance," and Substance Use Disorder."
- Updates to PRSS and Trainer qualifications changes include requirements for AdSSs to ensure:
 - Individuals seeking credentialing and employment as a PRSS consent to sharing their Peer Recovery Support Specialist Credential with the Contractor and AHCCCS registered providers for verifying compliance with this Policy;
 - Training facilitators hold a PRSS Credential from an AHCCCS-recognized PSETP (training program);
 - Only people holding a PRSS Credential are to facilitate training.
 - The training organization:
 - Maintains copies of all issued PRSS Credentials; and
 - Provides replacement Credentials to graduates upon request.
- Employers of PRSS shall have defined qualifications for Behavior Health ParaProfessionals and Behavior Health Technicians.
- Requirement that providers have policies and procedures establishing:
 - Minimum professional, educational or experiential qualifications for BHPPs and BHTs; and
 - Amount and duration of supervision for PRSS qualifying as BHPPs and BHTs.
- Updated requirements of core elements.
- Clarification of requirements for PSETP applications, including where to submit it for review, and guidance for whether the application is accepted or denied.
- A Supplemental Information has been added to provide information regarding the OIFA Alliance oversight of the PSETP review process, clarification of billing information, and a description of the intention of peer services.

Dates: Public comment will be open for 30 days beginning December 27, 2023 and closing January 26, 2024. Comments must be received no later than January 26, 2024, 11:59 pm, Arizona time.

Instructions: (Complete instructions are located on the Division's [webpage](#))

- The policy may be viewed by clicking [here](#).
- Comments may be submitted online by clicking [here](#).
- Use the line numbers to reference specific comments.



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If access to the online form is not available, comments can be submitted by email to the DDD Policy Unit at DDDpolicy@azdes.gov.

- Submit your comments, along with your full name, mailing address, and phone number.
- If you represent an organization, include the organization's name.

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