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ECONOMIC SECURITY  
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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 **Division Behavior Supports Policy Manual Chapter 200-Prohibitions and Restricted Techniques**.

**Reason for changes:** Updated policy for current practice, expanded definitions and content.

**Description of changes:**

This policy was updated as follows:

- Prohibited techniques
  - Expanded content to define further.
- Restricted techniques
  - Emphasis on using yellow light techniques, only when they are a part of an approved behavior plan, and only in the manner approved in the behavior plan.
  - Expanded types of restricted techniques
    - Restitution (was previously a standalone policy, chapter 600)
      - Requirements when restitution is recommended as part of a behavior plan strategy.
    - Rights restrictions
      - Expanded content to define rights restrictions, requirements for PRC/IOC approval prior to implementation, criteria for planning teams to consider when using a rights restriction, documentation requirements, and required protocol for PCSP and Behavior Plans.
    - Protective Devices
      - Requirements for a protective device that is designed to reduce the likelihood of injury from self-injurious behavior.
      - Protective Device Protocol requirements and fading plan.
      - Clarified medical protective equipment are considered health care related protective equipment and are not considered protective devices by this policy.
    - Global Positioning Systems/Electronic Tracking Devices
      - Added definition when used as a safety device to locate a member.
      - Requirements for using GPS/Electronic Tracking Devices
      - Parameters for use



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**Dates:** Public comment will be open for 30 days beginning February 28, 2024 and closing March 29, 2024. Comments must be received no later than March 29, 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.
- Do not include any information that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

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

For further information contact the DDD Policy Unit at [DDDpolicy@azdes.gov](mailto:DDDpolicy@azdes.gov).