

Division of Developmental Disabilities

NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is seeking public comment on a proposed new **Division Operations Manual Policy 7003, Minimum Necessary Standard for Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information** This policy has been developed to outline the requirements for making reasonable efforts to limit the use and disclosure of protected health information (PHI) as permitted by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Dates: Public comment will be open for 30 days beginning November 15, 2023 and closing December 15, 2023. Comments must be received no later than December 15, 2023, 11:59 pm, Arizona time.

Instructions: (Complete instructions are located on the Division's <u>webpage</u>)

- The policy may be viewed by clicking <u>here</u>.
- 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 DDDDpolicy@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.