



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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Dear Service Provider:

In October 2012, the Division announced its intent to eliminate use of the “Standing to Seated Basket-weave Restraint”. The Division instructed service providers request additional support in developing acceptable alternatives if necessary, and to work with ISP teams to design appropriate alternate supports for individuals for whom this restraint is used. **Please be advised that effective July 1, 2013, “Standing to Seated (Basket-weave) Restraints” are not to be used under any circumstances. Please ensure that all staff receives this important notification.**

The “Standing to Seated Basket-weave Restraint” is where an individual, who is standing, is placed into a seated position on the floor or ground with their arms crossed in front of them and held by staff, with staff applying pressure from behind to fold the individual forward; this is known as a “Standing to Seated (Basket-weave) Restraint”. As noted, this prohibition does not apply to the “Standing Basket-weave” (Standing Restraint – Option 1) or “Basket-weave Modification” (Standing Restraint – Option 2) techniques.

Similar to prohibition of the prone/supine restraint implemented in the late nineties, the Division reviewed the use of the “Standing to Seated (Basket-weave) Restraint” technique across the nation and the state, and will strictly prohibit its use because:

1. It is philosophically incompatible with the mission and values of the Division.
2. There is a strong potential for serious injury, including asphyxiation, to the individual.

Over the next two months, Division staff will work with service providers and teams to provide requested support and technical assistance to eliminate use of this restraint. Service providers may request technical assistance using the attached form; however, the restraint will be prohibited effective July 1, 2013.

Division staff will track and monitor any incidents involving the use of prohibited restraints. Use of prohibited restraints after July 1, 2013 will require corrective action on the part of each service provider, and may result in contract action; which may include a letter of concern, Notice to Cure, Demand for Assurance, and/or contract termination. Any imminent safety concerns may result in the immediate removal of an individual from a program.

Thank you for your service and commitment to the individuals we support.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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Elimination of Standing to Seated (Basket weave) Restraint

PURPOSE: To assist Service Providers with alternative approaches to the Standing to Seated (Basket weave) Restraint is used as an “emergency physical intervention technique”.

Service Provider (Agency):		
Name of Person Completing Request:	E-mail:	
Executive Director:		
Address:		
Phone:		
Consumer Name:	Assists #:	
History / Frequency of “Standing to Seated Basket-weave Restraints”:		
Assistance is requested identifying alternatives to the “Standing to Seated Basket-weave Restraint”:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	

Signature of Person Completing Request

Date

Submit completed form to:

Arizona DES/DDD
Post Office Box 6123
1789 West Jefferson Avenue, Site Code 791A
Phoenix, Arizona 85005
FAX: 602-364-1322
Please do not email this form.