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DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES**

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**THE DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES REHABILITATION
ADMINISTRATION HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING ON POLICIES**

Washington, DC— Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and its implementing federal regulations, the D.C. Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 12, 10 am – noon, 250 E Street, SW.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive input and recommendations from consumers, service providers, advocacy organizations and other interested individuals on the following proposed RSA policies: Case Record; Informed Choice; Case Closure; and Protection, Use and Release of Personal Information. Input is also sought regarding how the agency can: address changes resulting from the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA); provide necessary information to support person-centered decision making in the selection of services and providers; and provide information related to the protection, use and release of personal information.

The DDS Rehabilitation Services Administration provides vocational and rehabilitative services to individuals with disabilities to help them prepare for, secure, regain or retain employment. To be eligible for VR services, a person must have a physical or mental impairment that is a substantial impediment to employment. Priority is given to those individuals who have the most significant disabilities.

Policies can be reviewed at www.dds.dc.gov. For more information about the public hearing, contact 202-442-8670, 711 Relay, or email Linda Grimes at linda.grimes@dc.gov

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