

**Policy Title:** Home Care Provider Registry Recommendation

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**Brief Description, with Bullets Showing the Specific Components of the Policy**

Establish a free, safe, secure statewide registry to serve as a platform to 'connect' people looking for care/support for children with disabilities, adults with disabilities and older adults as well as others with chronic conditions and/or family caregivers in need of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) with Direct Support Professionals (DSP - Care Workers) interested in providing HCBS. Individual consumers/employers and prospective employees will be responsible for performing their own due diligence, conducting background checks and interviews, and establishing clear expectations to best ensure the needs of the care recipient will be met. The registry is not intended to replace the employer tasks needed to hire a DSP, nor will it create an employer/employee relationship of any kind. The registry will not be responsible for the authorship or accuracy of DSP profiles, nor will it endorse any profile listings. Participation in, and utilization of the registration is voluntary and will be useful for those who use either public or private funds to pay a direct support professional to provide care in their home or community.