

DHS Responses to Public Comments Regarding Community and Employment Supports (CES) Home and Community Based Waiver

Commenter's Name: Stephanie Smith

Public hearing held remotely on September 14,2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Comment: How will families be notified when this happens. Are they going to go ahead and start being notified or is that notification will not start until December 1st.

Response: This was noted during the hearing as a question and not a comment. It was not relevant to this public hearing.

Commenter's Name: Cindy Alberding

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Comment: But I don't believe the past legislation specified that the amount of additional money that was going to be saved was going to be used for the DDS waiting list and to cover DCFS children. I believe the legislation says that the money was going to be used for the DDS waiting list. So while I appreciate you need 100 more slots for DCFS children, I believe there are 600 slots due the ACS waiver. The last point I would make on that is, there is other funding that can be used to support the DCFS children that need care. We don't want them to not have care because of this, but I do think the 600 slots funded from the past money should be allocated, and then the additional 100 can be determined by DHS with other funding. My opinion. My comment.

Response: Thank you. The total number of slots being requested (regular and DCFS reserved) are 700.

Commenter's Name: Cindy Alberding

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Comment: So that language says "and"? So you're actually adding 700 slots? As long as that's what we end up with, then my comment is already satisfied. Thank you.

Response: Thank you.