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Re: Response to Public Comments for Global Commitment Register notice <u>GCR 23-033: Children's</u> <u>Personal Care Services - Parents and Family Members</u>

The comment received from an individual is included below. No other comments were received.

Comment: I am writing to express my support for the proposed changes to Health Care Administrative Rule 4.233, Children's Personal Care Services, adding legally responsible individuals as qualified providers. The temporary allowance of this during the public health pandemic had a great positive impact on my family because we were not able to maintain our pre-pandemic level of hours of work outside the home due to the lack of qualified individuals available to meet the medical needs of our child. We had to cut back on our work hours to be with our medically fragile child, and our household income suffered as a result. Access to PCA funds were vital in supplementing some of our family's lost income during that time. However, now that the public health emergency is almost declared over, we still struggle to find qualified individuals available to adequately care for my child's personal needs and it is obvious that this will be a long-term issue for our family. Knowing that we will continue to be able to be considered qualified providers under the children's personal care rules when we struggle to find adequate care for our child gives our family reassurance about our long-term stability.