

Comments Pertaining to CAP/DA Waiver Application
From NC Coalition on Aging
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Thank you for providing the opportunity to make comments pertaining to the CAP/DA waiver application. CAP/DA is one of the key services that enables many older adults and persons with disabilities to remain in their homes, and we applaud the efforts of everyone involved to ensure this remains a viable service in our state.

It is our understanding that there are provisions being considered that will potentially alter paying relatives who are legal guardians of a relative to receive payment for providing care for their relative. We know that this is an issue with many complexities, but we ask that provisions remain in the policy that will allow family caregivers who are legal guardians to continue to be the paid care provider when it is in the best interest of the relative in need of care. Family caregivers have, in many cases, given up paid employment and made many other accommodations to provide the care their relatives require, and they need to be supported. Feedback that we have received notes that if paid family caregivers were not allowed, particularly in rural areas, there is a good chance many care recipients could go without much needed care.

We hope that we will have the opportunity to offer comments once there are new CAP/DA policies in place vs. commenting on the waiver application itself.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide this comment.

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