

Post Screening Notice: Background and Status

Background

Prior to 2020, the law required that Floridians who complete the screening process would be sent a written notice from the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) informing the individual of their waitlist placement. The notice was also required to include the following in addition to the priority rank:

- Contact information for the Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC);
- Instructions for requesting an administrative fair hearing;
- Instructions for requesting a copy of the completed screening tool, which includes the priority score; and
- Instructions for requesting a rescreening. The individual, or their authorized representative, may request a rescreening due to a significant change in condition.

Current Status

In 2020, the Florida Legislature amended the law to state that the notice be sent after completion of screening or rescreening, “**unless the individual has a low priority score.**” (emphasis added.) The Florida Medicaid Agency is currently working on a new rule about who will get a notice and what it will say. At the initial rule workshop in September, 2020, the Agency spokesperson explained that the rule could take up to 9 months to be developed. The Florida Health Justice Project (FHJP) testified at the rule workshop and submitted a [written comment](#) urging that all applicants receive a notice that includes the process for challenging a low score and relevant information regarding the likelihood of release from the waitlist.

Suggested next steps if you did NOT get a notice after your screening or rescreening and have questions or concerns and need help:

Contact the Florida Health Justice Project <https://www.floridahealthstories.org/share-your-story>, your local Aging Resource and Development Center ([ADRC](#)), or your [local legal services program](#).