

**Subject** Personal care assistance modifications to allow traveling

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### Overview

This bill modifies the personal care assistance (PCA) program by making changes to requirements related to traveling.

Personal care assistants provide assistance and support to the elderly, persons with disabilities, and others with special health care needs living independently in the community.

## Summary

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<b>1</b>	<b>Definitions.</b>
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Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 1. Specifies traveling includes driving and accompanying the recipient according to the recipient's care plan in the definition of "instrumental activities of daily living" under the PCA program. Makes technical changes to the definition of "behavior."

Provides an effective date of 90 days following federal approval. Requires the commissioner of human services to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

<b>2</b>	<b>Documentation of PCA services provided.</b>
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Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 12. Modifies the list of items that must be included on the PCA time sheet to include documentation of travel including start and stop times, the origination site, and the destination site.

Provides an effective date of 90 days following federal approval. Requires the commissioner of human services to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

<b>3</b>	<b>PCA choice option; qualifications; duties.</b>
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Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 19. Removes obsolete language and modifies the duties the responsible party must perform to include ensuring that a PCA driving a recipient

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has a valid driver's license and the vehicle used is registered and insured according to Minnesota law.

Provides an effective date of 90 days following federal approval. Requires the commissioner of human services to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

**4 PCA provider agency; general duties.**

Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 24. Modifies the duties of a PCA provider agency to include ensuring that any PCA driving a recipient has a valid driver's license and that the vehicle used is registered and insured according to Minnesota law.

Provides an effective date of 90 days following federal approval. Requires the commissioner of human services to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.



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