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### Overview

This bill modifies the personal care assistance (PCA) program by adding a new category of care called enhanced PCA services.

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

In order for a person to receive PCA services, the services must be:

- medically necessary;
- documented in a written service plan; and
- provided at the recipient's place of residence or other location (not a hospital or health care facility).

In addition, the recipient of PCA services must be able to direct his or her own care or have a responsible party who provides support.

The determination of the amount of service available to a person is based on an assessment of need. PCA services provided include:

- assistance with activities of daily living including grooming, dressing, bathing, transferring, mobility, positioning, eating, and toileting;

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- assistance with instrumental activities of daily living, including meal planning and preparation, assistance with paying bills, and shopping for essential items;
- assistance with health-related procedures and tasks; and
- intervention for behavior including observation and redirection.

- 1      **Personal care assistant; requirements.**** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 11. Lists the qualifications a personal care assistant must meet to qualify for an enhanced rate for PCA services.
- 2      **Enhanced rate.**** Amends § 256B.0659, by adding subd. 17a. Establishes an enhanced rate of 110 percent of the rate paid for PCA services to be paid for PCA services provided to persons who qualify for 10 or more hours of PCA service per day when provided by a PCA who meets certain requirements. Specifies this rate increase is inclusive of any rate increases implemented on July 1, 2018, for the self-directed workforce.
- 3      **Requirements for provider enrollment of personal care assistance provider agencies.**** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 21. Modifies the list of information and documentation a PCA provider agency must provide to the commissioner to include documentation that the agency staff meet the enhanced PCA services requirements if enhanced PCA services are provided and submitted for payment.
- 4      **Personal care assistance provider agency; general duties.**** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 24. Removes an obsolete date. Adds a new duty to PCA provider agencies related to documenting the use of any additional revenue due to the enhanced PCA rate
- 5      **Personal care assistance provider agency; required documentation.**** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 28. Modifies the list of required documentation PCA agencies must keep to add a requirement related to the PCA enhanced rate.