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Overview

This bill modifies the personal care assistance (PCA) program by adding a new category of care called complex 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 Definitions.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 1. Defines “complex personal care assistance services” and makes conforming changes.
- 2 Personal care assistance services; covered services.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 2. Makes a conforming change to a cross-reference.
- 3 Personal care assistant; requirements.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 11. Lists the qualifications a personal care assistant must meet to provide complex PCA services.
- 4 Rate for complex personal care assistance services.** Amends § 256B.0659, by adding subd. 17a. Requires the rate paid to a provider for complex PCA services to be 120 percent of the rate paid for PCA services.
- 5 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 complex PCA services requirements if complex PCA services are provided and submitted for payment.