

**Subject** Minimum Wage for Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Services

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## Overview

This bill requires personal care assistance (PCA) providers to be paid a minimum wage of \$14 per hour for work provided through MA, requires the commissioner of human services to increase reimbursement rates, grants, or allocations by an amount sufficient to cover the required minimum wage, and appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for this purpose.

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.