

Subject PCA qualified professional remote supervision

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Overview

This bill allows a PCA qualified professional to conduct required supervision remotely for PCA recipients with chronic health conditions or severely compromised immune systems.

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.

All PCAs must be supervised by a qualified professional. Qualified professionals are required to periodically evaluate the PCA services provided to a recipient.

Summary

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1	Qualified professional; remote supervision. Amends § 256B.0659, by adding subd. 14a. For PCA recipients with chronic health conditions or severely compromised immune systems, allows a qualified professional to conduct required supervision via two-way interactive audio and visual telecommunications if the recipient's primary health care provider determines
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remote supervision is appropriate and documents the determination in a document included in the recipient's care plan.

Allows a care plan developed or amended via remote supervision to be executed by electronic signature.

Prohibits a PCA provider agency from conducting its first supervisory visit for a recipient and completing its initial care plan via remote visit.

Allows a recipient to request to return to in-person supervisory visits at any time.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2023, or upon federal approval, whichever is later. Requires the commissioner of human services to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.



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