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Overview

Personal Care Assistants (PCAs) provide assistance and support to persons with disabilities, elders, and others with special health care needs living independently in the community.

The 2005 Legislature passed new documentation and reporting requirements that personal care provider organizations must meet in order to receive MA reimbursement for PCA services. This bill delays implementation of those documentation and reporting requirements for providers who use pooled or shared hours.

Section

- 1 Personal care assistant services.** Amends § 256B.0655, subd. 2. Paragraph (h) prohibits the commissioner from implementing until July 1, 2007, certain documenting and reporting requirements for providers who employ PCAs using pooled or shared hours in certain specified settings. Makes this paragraph apply to all PCAs employed by providers that use pooled or shared hours. Requires the commissioner to work with providers covered by this paragraph to develop reasonable and appropriate documentation requirements or options for alternative services for affected recipients and report the results of that effort to the legislature by January 15, 2007. Makes this section effective retroactive to March 1, 2006.