

Subject Extending temporary personal care assistance compensation for services provided by a parent or spouse

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Overview

This bill modifies the expiration date of a provision allowing for temporary Personal Care Assistance (PCA) compensation for services provided by a parent or spouse that was enacted in October 2020 as part of the response to COVID-19. The proposed changes would extend the expiration date to the date when the Community First Services and Supports (CFSS) program is fully phased-in. Parents are allowed to be reimbursed for providing CFSS to their minor children.

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

The PCA program will be phased out beginning in October 2021 and replaced by the new CFSS program. CFSS is intended to be more accessible and flexible than the PCA program. CFSS will prevent or delay future institutional admissions and support community living. CFSS will assist participants to recover and/or gain skills to increase and maintain community stability, use technology or home modifications to decrease the need for human assistance when appropriate, avoid the use of inappropriate services, and increasingly direct their own services.

Summary

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| 1 | Temporary PCA compensation for services provided by a parent or spouse.
Amends Laws 2020, Fifth Special Session ch. 3, art. 10, § 3. Modifies the expiration date of a provision allowing for temporary PCA compensation for services provided by a parent or spouse. This provision expired on February 7, 2021. |
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Makes this section effective retroactively from February 6, 2021, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, and revives and reenacts this section as of that date.

Section **Description**

Requires the commissioner of human services to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.



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