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Overview

This bill modifies the PCA program.

Section

- 1 Home health aide visits.** Amends § 256B.0653, subd. 3. Modifies the duties of a home health aide.
- 2 Definitions.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 1. Adds definitions for “extended personal care assistance service,” and “wages and benefits.”
- 3 Noncovered personal care assistance services.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 3. Modifies the list of services that are ineligible for MA reimbursement.
- 4 Assessment for personal care assistance services; limitations.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 4. Modifies the limitations that apply to a PCA assessment.
- 5 Personal care assistant; requirements.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 11. Prohibits the department from limiting the number of hours a PCA can work per day, unless the hours set by the PCA agency are in violation of the law. Requires training to be available in languages other than English and to those who need accommodations due to disabilities.
- 6 Qualified professional; qualifications.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 13. Requires training to be available in languages other than English and to those who need accommodations due to disabilities, online or by electronic remote connection and to provide for competency testing to demonstrate an understanding of the content without attending in-person training. Allows qualified professionals to be employed and not subject to the training requirement until the training is offered online or through remote electronic connection. Exempts qualified professionals who are employed by a PCA provider agency certified for participation in Medicare as a home health agency from the training.
- 7 Qualified professional; duties.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 14. Modifies the qualified

professional duties related to evaluations of the PCA.

- 8 Personal care assistance choice option; generally.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 18. Clarifies language and adds a cross-reference to the required written agreement between the recipient and the PCA choice agency.
- 9 Personal care assistance choice option; qualifications; duties.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 19. Clarifies language and adds a cross-reference to the required written agreement between the recipient and the PCA choice agency.
- 10 Personal care assistance choice option; administration.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 20. Modifies the parties that must enter into a written agreement. Specifies that the agreement must be made annually and provided to certain individuals.
- 11 Requirements for initial enrollment of personal care assistance provider agencies.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 21. Modifies training requirements of employees who are in management and supervisory positions and owners of PCA agencies who are active in the day-to-day operations of the agency.
- 12 Personal care assistance provider agency; ventilator training.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 27. Exempts PCA provider agencies certified for participation in Medicare as home health agencies from providing ventilator training.
- 13 Notice of service changes to recipients.** Amends § 256B.0659, subd. 30. Requires the commissioner to provide a service agreement authorizing PCA hours of service at the previously authorized level, throughout the appeal process period, when a recipient requests services pending an appeal.