

S.F. No. 1597 – Personal Care Assistance Program Modification

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S.F. No. 1597 permits personal care assistants (PCA) to bill medical assistance for the time the PCA spends driving for a recipient.

Section 1 (256B.0659, subdivision 1, paragraph (i)) allows a PCA to bill medical assistance for the time the PCA spends driving a recipient. Current law allows a PCA to bill medical assistance for the time the PCA spending traveling with a recipient, but not if the PCA is driving the recipient.

Section 2 (256B.0659, subdivision 12, paragraph (c), clause (10)) establishes new PCA time sheet documentation requirements related to a PCA traveling with or driving a recipient of personal care assistance services.

Section 3 (256B.0659, subdivision 19, paragraph (a), clause (8)) specifies that under the PCA choice program, the recipient must ensure that a PCA who is driving the recipient has a valid driver's license and that the car being driven has valid insurance.

Section 4 (256b.0659, subdivision 24, clause (17)) specifies that under the traditional PCA program, the provider agency must ensure that the PCA who is driving a recipient has a valid driver's license and that the car being driven has valid insurance.