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Brief Title: Regulating in-home care providers and workers.

SB 6493 - DIGEST

Provides that the wages for all in-home care assistants of home care agencies providing in-home care for state supported clients in chore services, medicaid personal care services, respite services, or community options programs entry system services shall be increased to eight dollars and fifty cents an hour with appropriate annual cost of living adjustments as determined by the office of financial management, by rule.

Directs the department of social and health services to develop and implement, by rule, a reimbursement scale for agencies providing in-home services that recognizes the acuity level of the in-home care clients and the requisite supervision and training necessary to insure the quality of care and safety of the client.