

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5529**

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5529** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Cleveland, Keiser, Dhingra, and C. Wilson; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1            AN ACT Relating to self-directed care; amending RCW 74.39.007,  
2 74.39.050, and 74.39.070; and repealing RCW 74.39.060.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.39.007 and 1999 c 336 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            The definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 74.39.007,  
7 74.39.050, (~~(74.39.060,)~~) 74.39.070, 43.190.060, and section 1,  
8 chapter 336, Laws of 1999 unless the context clearly requires  
9 otherwise.

10            (1) "Self-directed care" means the process in which an adult  
11 person, who is prevented by a functional disability from performing a  
12 manual function related to health care that an individual would  
13 otherwise perform for himself or herself, chooses to direct and  
14 supervise a paid personal aide to perform those tasks.

15            (2) "Personal aide" means an individual, working privately or as  
16 an individual provider (~~(under contract or agreement with the~~  
17 ~~department of social and health services)~~) as defined in RCW  
18 74.39A.240, who acts at the direction of an adult person with a  
19 functional disability living in his or her own home (~~(and provides~~  
20 ~~that person with health care services that a person)~~) to assist with  
21 the physical performance of a health care task, as described in RCW

1 74.39.050, that persons without a functional disability can perform  
2 themselves.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.39.050 and 1999 c 336 s 3 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) An adult person with a functional disability living in his or  
6 her own home may direct and supervise a paid personal aide in the  
7 performance of a health care task.

8 (2) The following requirements shall guide the provision of self-  
9 directed care under chapter 336, Laws of 1999:

10 (a) Health care tasks are those medical, nursing, or home health  
11 services that enable the person to maintain independence, personal  
12 hygiene, and safety in his or her own home, and that are services  
13 that a person without a functional disability would customarily and  
14 personally perform without the assistance of a licensed health care  
15 provider.

16 (b) The individual who chooses to self-direct a health care task  
17 is responsible for initiating self-direction by informing the health  
18 care professional who has ordered the treatment which involves that  
19 task of the individual's intent to perform that task through self-  
20 direction.

21 (c) When state funds are used to pay for self-directed tasks, a  
22 description of those tasks will be included in the client's  
23 comprehensive assessment, and subject to review with each annual  
24 reassessment.

25 (d) When a licensed health care provider orders treatment  
26 involving a health care task to be performed through self-directed  
27 care, the responsibility to ascertain that the patient understands  
28 the treatment and will be able to follow through on the self-directed  
29 care task is the same as it would be for a patient who performs the  
30 health care task for himself or herself, and the licensed health care  
31 provider incurs no additional liability when ordering a health care  
32 task which is to be performed through self-directed care.

33 (e) The role of the personal aide in self-directed care is  
34 limited to performing the physical aspect of health care tasks under  
35 the direction of the person for whom the tasks are being done. This  
36 shall not affect the ability of a person who acts as a personal aide  
37 by performing self-directed health care tasks to also provide other  
38 home care services, such as personal care or homemaker services,  
39 which enable the client to remain at home.

1 (f) The responsibility to initiate self-directed health care  
2 tasks, to possess the necessary knowledge and training for those  
3 tasks, and to exercise judgment regarding the manner of their  
4 performance rests and remains with the person who has chosen to self-  
5 direct those tasks, including the decision to employ and dismiss a  
6 personal aide.

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.39.070 and 1999 c 336 s 8 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 A personal aide, in the performance of a health care task, who is  
10 directed and supervised by a person with a functional disability in  
11 his or her own home, is exempt from any legal requirement to qualify  
12 and be credentialed by the department of health as a health care  
13 provider under Title 18 RCW to the extent of the responsibilities  
14 provided and health care tasks performed under chapter 336, Laws of  
15 1999. Nothing in this section exempts an individual provider from  
16 being required to become a certified home care aide under chapter  
17 18.88B RCW.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 74.39.060 (Personal aide providers—  
19 Registration) and 1999 c 336 s 4 are each repealed.

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