



**Performance Note**  
**SB0063 - Caregiver**  
**Compensation Amendments**  
Sponsor: Sen. Harper, Wayne A.



Performance Note Report

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Agency: Department of Health

Funding For:

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New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

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**Purpose:** The funding would pay for spouses in seven of the State's HCBS waivers to provide personal care services to their spouse participating in one of the waiver programs. Currently, spouses are prohibited from being allowed as direct care providers.

**Services:** No new services are offered as a result of this funding, however, families would have the option of allowing a spouse to be a provider of personal care services to the spouse enrolled in the waiver. This would expand service options and offer flexibility to waiver participants. Many of the supports provided today are not compensated, leading spouses to reduce/terminate employment or render service at the financial detriment of the household.

**Expected Outcome:** Families would have less reliance on agency based supports and spouses would have the opportunity to be compensated for the caregiving supports provided to their spouse. Studies have also supported observed decreases in the use of more expensive interventions including hospitalizations.

**Implementations and Resources:** The State Medicaid Agency and Sister Agencies would be responsible to amend current programs with Federal partners along with administrative rules. The provision of this service requires enhanced monitoring which will be completed by state staff.

**How:** The flexibilities sought through program amendments would help facilitate the provision of the service and create the required administrative oversight necessary for those who choose to use this benefit.

Performance Measures

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## Goal

Title: Evaluation of Intervention - Improvement in Quality of Life/Access to Supports

Description: Agency will establish a set of qualitative questions to administer to benefit recipients including availability and quality of care provided; financial stability of household; whether care rendered has had a reduced need or more costly care; Baseline data will be captured and progress will be monitored on at least an annual basis.

Collection Method: State staff will be responsible for administering a pre-enrollment survey to establish baseline performance and will re-evaluate on at least an annual basis to coincide with required assessment and care planning activities. Tools necessary for survey administration are already available.

	2021	2022	2023
Percentage increase over baseline	0.00	20.00	20.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

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