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SENATE BILL 105: 2021 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9D.15C: Study Direct Care Workers Serving Individuals in the Innovations Waiver Program and Develop a Plan for Any Recommended Increase in Those Workers' Wages

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OVERVIEW: *Section 9D.15C of S.L. 2021-180 requires the Division of Health Benefits (DHB), Department of Health and Human Services, to report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice by March 1, 2022, on the following:*

- *Statewide data on the number of licensed and non-licensed direct care workers by worker classification, as well as the weekly average number of hours worked and the average and range of wages.*
- *Identification of providers that employ direct care workers and the average length of the worker's employment with the provider.*
- *An assessment of whether the wages of direct care workers need to be increased. If DHB determines such a need exists, then the report should include a plan for the increase.*

This section became effective July 1, 2021.

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