



# HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9E.15: Increase Wages of Direct Care Workers

2023-2024 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 9E.15 of S.L. 2023-134 requires the Division of Health Benefits (DHB), Department of Health and Human Services, to provide a Medicaid reimbursement rate increase to providers of Innovations waiver services. The rate increase is to be used to increase the wages paid to the direct care workers performing the Innovations waiver services. Prior to receiving the rate increase, providers must attest that the entire amount of the rate increase is being used for the benefit of the direct care workers. DHB must recoup from a provider any amount of the rate increase that DHB determines was not used for the benefit of the workers.*

*This section became effective July 1, 2023.*

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