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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Richard Whitley, MS  
Director

June 29, 2022

Director Richard Whitley, MS  
State of Nevada  
Department of Health and Human Services  
400 West King St, Suite 300  
Carson City, NV, 89703

Dear Director Whitley:

On behalf of the Home Care Employment Standards Board (HCESB) created by Senate Bill (SB) 340, it has been recommended that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) include the following enhancement to its fiscal year (FY) 2023 budget:

In recognition of the system-wide savings generated by caring for seniors and the disabled in their own homes and the opportunity to draw down additional federal dollars through the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) match, the Medicaid reimbursement rate for personal care services shall be increased to \$25 per hour.

Additionally, the Board recommends that DHHS support a bill in the 2023 legislative session that would require personal care agencies to pay a minimum wage of \$15 per hour to workers providing Medicaid-funded personal care services.

The motion calling for this recommendation passed by the Board during the June 28, 2022, HCESB meeting and fulfills Section 16.2(a) of SB 340:

*A The adequacy of wage rates and other compensation policies of home care employers to ensure the provision of quality services and sufficient levels of recruitment and retention of home care employees;*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cody H. Phinney".

Cody Phinney  
Chair of the Home Care Employment Standards Board  
Deputy Administrator  
Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health