

PASS SB 6199 COMMONSENSE REFORM FOR MEDICAID LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT



PROBLEM: Our current system for administration and payroll for Individual Providers of Medicaid long-term care is overly complicated and burdensome for caregivers and consumers. In practice, it means case workers, many of whom have social work degrees, have to troubleshoot payroll and administrative problems – work they have no training in. This reduces the amount of time caseworkers spend serving vulnerable clients and coordinating their care, and leads to frustrating delays for caregivers. The system is onerous for consumers, cumbersome for caregivers, and inefficient for the State.

SOLUTION: SB 6199 would create a new structure that would preserve consumer choice and let case workers focus on client needs, while strengthening worker voice and streamlining Medicaid long-term care administration. It will transfer the payroll and administration of Medicaid Individual Providers only. Consumers and caregivers will have a simpler, more streamlined experience.

Consumers, clients, caregivers and case managers all support this legislation:

- DSHS
- Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- Washington State Development Disabilities Council
- The ARC of Washington State
- SEIU 775

Better for Consumers:

- Professionally trained case managers will be able to focus on consumer needs
- Consumers maintain their co-employer role
- More efficient access when help is needed

Better for Home Care Aides:

- More stable and less burdensome administration
- Potential for innovation and improved worker rights or workplace benefits

Better for the State:

- Removes State from co-employer status
- Allows professional case managers to focus limited resources on areas of expertise

