
SENATE BILL 5509

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By Senators Becker and Keiser; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

1 AN ACT Relating to electronic timekeeping for in-home personal care
2 or respite services; and amending RCW 74.39A.325.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.39A.325 and 2009 c 571 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Beginning July 1, 2010, the department shall not pay a home
7 care agency licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW for in-home personal care
8 or respite services provided under this chapter, Title 71A RCW, or
9 chapter 74.39 RCW if the home care agency does not verify agency
10 employee hours by electronic timekeeping.

11 (2) For purposes of this section, "electronic timekeeping" means an
12 electronic, verifiable method of recording an employee's presence in
13 the client's home at the beginning and end of the employee's client
14 visit workday.

15 (3) The department is authorized to establish limited exemption
16 criteria in rule to address subsections (1) and (2) of this section
17 when a landline phone is not available to the employee.

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