

In Home Personal Caregiver

Definition:

Personal care is *non-medical* services that allow an individual to remain in his/her home in a safe, sanitary and healthy condition. The services include help with elimination of body wastes, bathing, grooming, laundry, housekeeping, meal preparation, shopping, etc.

Employment:

Nevada Personal Care *Agencies* who hire personnel to perform the in-home services must be licensed through the Bureau of Licensure & Certification Home Health Agency (HHA) and PCA (Personal Care Agency).

Ref: NRS 449 (licensing) and NRS 426 (ODS Certification). An *Agency* is responsible for their employees.

Nevada does not require individual licensing & certification of personal care givers.

Proposal for the State of Nevada:

A bill to Nevada Legislature requiring that all in home caregivers, (whether hired by an Agency or as free lance individuals) must pass a background check, drug test, health test (both mental and physical) be of minimum age, fluent in English, to become certified through Nevada State Bureau of Licensure and Certification.

Certification shall be of public record, so that anyone desiring to hire the individual care giver can check the individual's record and qualifications.

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### **Note:**

The above proposal would ensure, for all users of personal care givers, universal safety and security. It would further guarantee compliance with Nevada Statutes of Certification & Licensure.

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Home Health Care

Standards for Home Health Care should be set by the State Board of Nursing & Pharmacy and closely supervised to assure competence.