

HB 1873 -- Personal Care Assistance Services

Sponsor: Lembke

This bill changes the requirements for financial assistance for personal care services. The bill:

- (1) Removes the requirement that an applicant and his or her spouse have an adjusted income within 300% of the federal poverty level, less any disability-related medical expenses;
- (2) Specifies that in order to establish financial need an applicant can demonstrate disability-related medical and reasonable living expenses as approved by the Department of Health and Senior Services;
- (3) Removes the requirement that an applicant's spouse submit documentation of his or her income; and
- (4) Stipulates that each consumer who participates in the program is responsible for a monthly premium between zero and 5% of his or her income as specified in the bill.

The bill contains an emergency clause.