



# Wisconsin Personal Services Association, Inc.

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Re: MA Certification

Dear WPSA members,

During our recent conference WPSA announced a meeting that we had with The Division of Quality Assurance. This meeting was requested to address Personal Care Providers MA Certification. We are requesting The Department of Health Services to modify the existing requirements for MA certification, create an emergency rule and begin to make efforts to make a permanent change.

The requested change is to add "or a Wisconsin legal entity ....." to HFS 105.17 Personal Care Providers. This change will allow personal care agencies that sub-contract to provide personal cares just as an MA provider. Many of us currently provide MA personal care services to county agencies using their MA number. Our wish is to contract with a Partnership or MCO who requires a personal care agency to have an MA number.

As we venture into Family Care the migration of recipients will reduce the number of providers because counties will no longer provide/purchase personal care services. Some of these county agencies are even dropping their MA number which makes this request even more important. It is imperative for DHS to know if counties are planning on NOT continuing their MAPC program.

If you are an agency that provides personal care services without your own MA number, an agency (county, tribe, IL or home health) dropping your MA number or would like to support our efforts please send your opinion to **Freddie Bove and Gail Prompsom at the address below.**

**Department of Health Services  
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1 West Wilson  
Madison, WI 53707**

Should you have any questions please contact Amy Weiss 800-628-2334, Steve Mercaitis 608-326-5536 or Ginger Reimer 414-291-7520.

Thank you,

WPSA Board Members