

RESOLUTION

Require a minimum of ten clock hours training for Home Care Attendants

A RESOLUTION TO: Require all home care agencies to require a minimum 10-clock hours orientation training of all attendants within their first 90 days of employment.

WHEREAS, The state of Texas has no requirements for training, other than the employee be 18 years of age and the employer orient him/her, without any definition or mandate about what should be included in the training; and

WHEREAS, A quality of service standard for this vulnerable population needs to be established; and training must include the following:

- Safe and effective positioning, & movement of clients
- Safe food handling & preparation
- How to identify abuse and who to report this to
- Dementia – what it is and what it means for the caregiver
- Cultural Sensitivity; and

WHEREAS, Without adequate community care, frail individuals are often prematurely institutionalized, thereby costing the state significantly more money to provide care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature require this basic 10 hour orientation training for all home care attendants.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2006, by the Health & Human Resources Committee.

Glen Provost, Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2006, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary