

March 25, 2020

Re: Essential Workforce Permission for Caregiver

To Whom It May Concern:

The holder of this letter is a caregiver and provides care to vulnerable Medicaid clients. They are either contracted by the State of Washington, or work for a home care agency or nursing home. SEIU 775 serves as the collective bargaining representative for these workers.

Caregivers are deemed part of the "essential workforce" by Governor Inslee, as stated in his "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order issued on March 23, 2020.

Caregivers are performing hands-on health care work to vulnerable elders or disabled adults such as feeding, toileting, ambulation, grocery shopping, meal preparation, picking up medications, assisting with medications, among other vital tasks.

Travel for caregivers is necessary to continue their essential work. Caregivers have to travel between client's homes or to their place of work in order to provide essential services their clients.

If you have questions or need to confirm this individual's employment, please contact SEIU 775's Member Resource Center at 1-866-371-3200.

Sincerely,

Sterling Harders

SEIU 775 President