

My name is Joy'e Willman I am the Vice President of SEIU Homecare local 99. I'm sorry I cannot be there in person but I am at our contract negotiations today. I have worked as a Homecare worker and am now a Personal Support Worker in Portland for a lady with DD services. I have done this type of work for 27 yrs.

I have had requests to work back on the Homecare side but even though I have a current number for my PSW consumer my homecare number has expired. So to work at Homecare I will have to start at square 1 and get a second criminal background check and second fingerprints when I have just recently passed them.

The crim check unit is already overworked and backed up to where people have to wait 6 weeks or more to get approved. When our fragile population needs workers right now, we are putting them in harms way to make them wait without care for up to 6 weeks or more. In rural areas we may not have other workers in that area that are available right away on one side but may have someone else willing to come from the other section to work.

So, in my opinion I believe that Homecare and Personal Support Workers who are working under the same contract should have a universal number to streamline data share, criminal background checks, Paid Time Off info, Registry and, the ability to work for consumers for either side without having to redo what we are already approved for.

Thank you for listening to my concerns

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