



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Disability Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

The department is amending WAC 388-97-07015 Protection of resident funds, WAC 388-97-147 Surveillance, management and early identification of individuals with active tuberculosis, WAC 388-97-155 Care of residents with active tuberculosis; WAC 388-97-162 Required notification and reporting, WAC 388-97-347 Laundry services and storage, WAC 388-97-555 Nursing home license renewal, WAC 388-97-965 Department review of nursing home license renewals, WAC 388-97-595 Relocation of residents, WAC 388-97-625 Notice and appeal rights, WAC 388-97-29510 New construction compliance, and possible other sections in chapter 388-97 WAC.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

18.51 RCW (Nursing Homes); 74.42 RCW (Nursing Homes-Resident care, operating standards), 42 CFR 489.52

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department intends to make the following amendments:

- To change outdated references throughout chapter 388-97 WAC to reflect current administration name, state building codes and international codes, and standards for respiratory protection;
- To make all WAC sections five digit numbers for clearer order and reference;
- To add language to be consistent with federal requirements;
- To add language to be consistent with national standards of tuberculosis testing;
- To add language to clarify laundry system standards;
- To delete and update sections on department review of nursing home renewal licenses to be consistent with current department process;
- To clarify new construction preoccupancy process;
- To add language on electronic monitoring to be consistent with the department policy; and
- To chunk the sections into smaller sections for ease of reading and reference.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact:

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