STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Home and Community Living Administration
P.O. Box 45600 • Olympia, Washington 98504

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC, CHAPTER 388-78A WAC, CHAPTER 388-97 WAC, CHAPTER 388-107 WAC

Dear Provider/Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) is proposing to add sections to and amend Chapter 388-76 WAC, Chapter 388-78A WAC, Chapter 388-97 WAC, and Chapter 388-107 WAC.

On November 25, 2025, the department filed the CR-102 (a form used to officially announce and solicit public comments on proposed new or amended rules as part of the Administrative Procedure Act), a more formal phase of the rulemaking process, with the Office of the Code Reviser. Links to the CR-102 (WSR 25-24-032) document and proposed rule language (SHS-5106.2 Final) are available on the RCS rulemaking webpage, and on the DSHS Filings and Rules | DSHS page. You may either submit comments at the public hearing listed below or in writing to the Department's Rules and Policies Assistance Unit (RPAU).

The formal hearing for the proposed rules is scheduled:
Date/Time: **January 27,2026 at 10:00 a.m.**
Location: **Virtual**

Please see the DSHS website for more information. You must submit written comments by **5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2026,** to DSHS Rules coordinator/RPAU PO Box 45850 Olympia, WA 98504-5850 or by email to DSHSRPAURulesCoodinator@dshs.wa.gov.

For rule-making questions, please contact Colleen Jensen, Policy Program Manager, at 360-725-2300 or rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director
Residential Care Services
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