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HCLA: ALF #2026-016
Free Webinar - Memory Care Certification Standards for Assisted Living Facilities

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has been adding and amending Chapter 388-78A WAC, Assisted Living Facility (ALF) Licensing Rules, in response to Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5337 Certification of Memory Care Services.

The legislation requires ALFs with restricted egress for residents with cognitive impairment, facilities marketing or representing themselves as providing memory care services, or specialized dementia care services within a dedicated memory care facility or memory care unit, be certified by July 1, 2026.

The department in collaboration with Washington Health Care Association (WHCA) will present the draft regulations for memory care certification to assist providers in preparation of completing the application and implementation of the certification requirements.

Please join representatives from WHCA, LeadingAge Washington, and Residential Care Services for this important session. Two hours of continuing education approved by DSHS will be awarded to all attendees.

Topic: Memory Care Certification Standards
Date: April 29, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Register: **Memory Care Certification Standards | WHCA**

If you have any questions about this webinar, please contact Vicki McNealley at vickimcnealley@whca.org or 360-352-3304 ext. 107.

Sincerely,

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