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

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HCLA: ALF #2026-017
CR 102 Filed to Amend and Add Section to Chapter 388-78A WAC For Memory Care Certification

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is proposing adding and amending sections of 388-78A Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

Recently the Department filed the CR-102, a more formal phase of the rulemaking process, with the Office of the Code Reviser. Links to the CR-102 (WSR 26-09-129) documents and proposed rule language are available on Filings and Rules| DSHS.

You may either submit comments at the public hearing listed below or write to the Department's Rules and Policies Assistance Unit (RPAU).

The formal hearing for the proposed rules is scheduled:

Date/Time: **June 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**
Location: **Virtual**

Please see the DSHS website for more information. You must submit written comments by **5:00PM on June 23, 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 Tamara Tredo, ALF & ESF Policy Program Manager, at RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director
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