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HCLA: CCRSS 2026-010
CR-101 Filed to Propose Amending and Adding Sections of Chapter 388-101 WAC, Certified Community Residential Services and Supports Streamlining and Monitoring

Dear Certified Community Residential Services and Supports Provider:

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is considering amending and adding sections of Chapter 388-101 WAC.
The purpose of this rulemaking is to:

- Re-establish certification evaluation timeframes
- Include electronic notifications as service completes and proof of service options
- Require providers to notify DSHS at least 60 days prior to voluntary termination of certification
- Define client representative

These changes are needed to protect public health and welfare and are beneficial to requested supports, regulatory entities, local governments and small businesses.

The department filed a CR-101 with the Office of the Code Reviser on May 15, 2026, to begin the rulemaking process. The notice will be published in the Washington State Register (WSR) under WSR 26-11-031. This CR-101 and related rulemaking information will be available on the Residential Care Services rulemaking webpage https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/rcs/altsa-rcs-rulemaking as the rulemaking progresses.

For questions related to the Streamlining and Monitoring rulemaking project, please contact Jennifer Burk, Policy Program Manager at rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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