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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Home and Community Living Administration
Residential Care Services • PO Box 45600 • Olympia, WA

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HCLA: AFH #2026-036
HCLA: ALF #2026-035
HCLA: ESF #2026-023
HCLA: NH #2026-034
Withdrawal of CR-101 Filed to Update Background Check Requirements

Dear Provider/Administrator:

This letter supersedes the following: HCLA AFH #2025-017, HCLA: ALF #2025-014, HCLA: ESF #2025-011, HCLA: NH #2025-018

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) filed a CR-101 form (a preproposal statement of inquiry form to provide notice that the agency is considering creating, changing, or repealing a rule) on May 15, 2025, under WSR 25-11-052. The CR-101 was drafted in anticipation of working with the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) on Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1385, ESHB 1395, and Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1490 during the 2025 WA State legislative session. The rulemaking scope initially outlined in the CR-101 has been consolidated and superseded by subsequent filings by DDA under WSR 25-22-074 and the Home and Community Services (HCS) division under WSR 25-22-022.

The withdrawal is effective immediately and notice from the DSHS Rules Coordinator can be found here.

LTC facilities and providers should forward questions, comments, and/or concerns regarding the withdrawal of WSR 25-11-052 to rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov. Thank you for your continued commitment to residents' health and safety.

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director
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