**Nursing Home Disaster Plan Gap Analysis**

SHB 1218 Statutes Sections Related to Nursing Homes:

Sec. 11. A new section is added to chapter 18.51 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Each nursing home shall develop and maintain a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan to be followed in the event of a disaster or emergency, including fires, earthquakes, floods, infectious disease outbreaks, loss of power or water, and other events that may require sheltering in place, evacuations, or other emergency measures to protect the health and safety of residents. The nursing home shall review the comprehensive disaster preparedness plan annually, update the plan as needed, and train all employees when they begin work in the nursing home on the comprehensive disaster preparedness plan and related staff procedures.

(2) The department shall adopt rules governing the comprehensive disaster preparedness plan. At a minimum, the rules must address the following if not already adequately addressed by federal requirements for emergency planning: Timely communication with the residents' emergency contacts; timely communication with state and local agencies, long-term care ombuds, and developmental disabilities ombuds; contacting and requesting emergency assistance; on-duty employees' responsibilities; meeting residents' essential needs; procedures to identify and locate residents; and procedures to provide emergency information to provide for the health and safety of residents. In addition, the rules shall establish standards for maintaining personal protective equipment and infection control capabilities, as well as department inspection procedures with respect to the plans.

Sec. 12. RCW 74.42.460 and 1979 ex.s. c 211 s 46 are each amended to read as follows:

The facility shall have a written staff organization plan and detailed written procedures to meet potential emergencies and disasters. The facility shall clearly communicate and periodically review the plan and procedures with the staff and residents. The plan and procedures shall be posted at suitable locations throughout the facility. The planning requirement of this section shall complement the comprehensive disaster preparedness planning requirement of section 11 of this act.

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| **1218 Requirement****Sections 11, 12** | **Currently met in rule, if so where** | **Comments** |
| Develop and maintain a current disaster plan describing measures to take in the event of internal or external disasters, | Yes, 388-97-1740, CFR 483.73 |  |
| followed in the event of a disaster or emergency, including fires, earthquakes, floods, infectious disease outbreaks, loss of power or water, and other events that may require sheltering in place, evacuations, or other emergency measures to protect the health and safety of residents. | Yes, 388-97-1740CFR 483.73(a) |  |
| Review plan annually | Yes, WAC 388-97-1740, CFR 483.73(a) |  |
| Update plan as needed | CFR 483.73(d)(2)(C)(iii) |  |
| Train all employees when they begin work in the facility on the plan and related staff procedures | Yes, WAC 388-97-1660, 388-97-1740CFR 483.73 (d)(1)(i) |  |
| Communication with resident’s contacts within reasonable time | Partially | WAC 388-97-0320 states immediately when an accident occurs involving a resident |
| Communication with state and local agencies within reasonable time | Partially | WAC 388-97-1640 requires immediately to DSHS if disaster plan implemented |
| Communication with long-term care ombuds within reasonable time | Not in rule |  |
| Communication with developmental disabilities ombuds within reasonable time | Not in rule |  |
| Contacting and requesting emergency assistance | Yes, CFR 483.73 |  |
| On-duty employees' responsibilities | Not in rule | RCW 74.42.460 requires staff organization plan to meet disasters |
| Meeting residents' essential needs | Yes, CFR 483.73 (b)(1) |  |
| procedures to identify and locate residents; | Yes, 388-97-1740, CFR 483.73 (b)(2) |  |
| procedures to provide emergency information to provide for the health and safety of residents. | CFR 483.73 (c)(4) | * CFR 483.73 (c)(4) covers sharing medical information about residents
* What is not clear is if NH required to share alerts, and warnings, and other relevant incident information with residents, families, and representatives
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| standards for maintaining personal protective equipment and infection control capabilities, | WAC 388-97-1320 |  |
| department inspection procedures with respect to the plans. |  | 388-97-1780 requires plans and procedures be available to department for review |
| **Sec 12**. The facility shall have a written staff organization plan and detailed written procedures to meet potential emergencies and disasters. The facility shall clearly communicate and periodically review the plan and procedures with the staff and residents. The plan and procedures shall be posted at suitable locations throughout the facility. The planning requirement of this section shall complement the comprehensive disaster preparedness planning requirement of section 11 of this act. |  |  |

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| **Other requirements we are considering** | **Currently met in rule, if so where** | **Comments** |
| Maintain two weeks provisions for essential resident needs |  |  |
| Plan for recovery and restoration of services after an incident |  |  |
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