**SHB 1218 Disaster Plan Requirements**

Assisted Living Facilities

Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 18.20 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Each assisted living facility 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 facility shall review the comprehensive disaster preparedness plan annually, update the plan as needed, and train all employees when they begin work in the facility 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: 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.

The chart below breaks down the different clauses in the sections above.

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| SHB 1218 language | Discussion notes |
| (1) Each assisted living facility shall develop and maintain a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan | Consider looking at continuity of operations planning for facilities  Recognize that facilities are limited in controlling what happens within their facility, grounds |
| 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. | Facility team may need to adapt to changing circumstances and to the lead of the incident command from responding jurisdictions  To be exercised with coordination of response organizations. This may help alleviate gaps and potential conflicts  Capabilities may vary between skilled nursing facilities and assisted living  Utility disruption |
| The facility shall review the comprehensive disaster preparedness plan annually | Consider more than just checking the plan of annual review, what criteria must be accomplished for annual review? |
| update the plan as needed |  |
| train all employees when they begin work in the facility on the comprehensive disaster preparedness plan and related staff procedures. | Look at continuing education units approved the plan |
| (2) The department shall adopt rules governing the comprehensive disaster preparedness plan. At a minimum, the rules must address: |  |
| 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, | Durable medical equipment |
| as well as department inspection procedures with respect to the plans. |  |

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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| (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 |  |
| train all employees when they begin work in the facility 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. 16. A new section is added to chapter 70.97 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Each enhanced services facility 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 enhanced services facility must review the comprehensive disaster preparedness plan annually, update the plan as needed, and train all employees when they begin work in the enhanced services facility 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: 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.

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| (1) Each enhanced services facility 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 enhanced services facility shall review the comprehensive disaster preparedness plan annually |  |
| update the plan as needed |  |
| train all employees when they begin work in the facility 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: |  |
| 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. |  |