



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
**Aging and Long-Term Support Administration**  
**PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600**

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES THAT CAN BE REPEATED**

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

Caregivers are required to take at least twelve hours of continuing education (CE) credits every year. WAC 388-112-0200 states that only four classes can be repeated for CE credit or if a facility can demonstrate the need for retraining.

It has come to our attention that caregivers may benefit from repeating other courses as well. Beginning May 1st, 2015, caregivers will be able to select from the list of additional courses below and may count up to 5 repeated credit hours per year as continuing education. The expectation is that caregivers will take a mix of these courses and not repeat the same ones yearly.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HIPAA</li><li>• Medication Assistance</li><li>• Disaster Preparedness</li><li>• Blood Borne Pathogens &amp; infection control</li><li>• Aging sensitivity</li><li>• Food handling (as required by WAC)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resident Rights (as it relates to caregiving issues in 70.129 RCW)</li><li>• Resident Safety</li><li>• Abuse and neglect identification and Mandatory Reporting</li><li>• CPR (required every two years)</li><li>• First Aid (required every two years)</li></ul>
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**Please keep in mind that all other training requirements have not changed.** If you have questions about continuing education please contact your local RCS Field Manager.

As always, thank you for your commitment to caring for the vulnerable populations in your community.

Sincerely,

  
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