



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

January 5, 2016

**AL TSA: ALF #2016-001**  
**AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-78A and 388-110 WAC**

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

In December 2014, the department began the rulemaking process to add and amend sections of Chapters 388-78A and 388-110 WAC in order to comply and be consistent with federal law and to repeal the section references to Resident Client Protection Program (RCPP).

In May, 2015, you were informed that the Department had filed a CR-102, a more formal stage of the rule making process. Recently, the Department filed a supplemental CR-102 due to a delay in the original rule making process. The CR-102, including proposed rule language, is available on the AL TSA website: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-assisted-living-facility-professionals>, under the heading, "Assisted Living Facility Rule Filings".

Highlights of the intended changes include the following:

- Repeals RCPP program section references from the ALF WAC. The program has been moved and is now a part of the Adult Protective Services (APS) program with Home and Community Services.
- Allows residents to have the ability to lock their unit door (bedroom or apartment).

You may either submit comments in person at the public hearing listed below or in writing to the Department's Rules and Policies Assistance Unit (RPAU).

The formal hearing for the proposed rules is scheduled:

*Date: January 26th, 2016 Time: 10:00 a.m.*

*Location: Office Building 2 (DSHS Headquarters)*

*1115 Washington*

*Olympia, WA 98504*

You must submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on date, to the following address or by email to Christine Butler at [DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov)

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Directions to Office Building 2 can be found online at <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/RPAU-OB-2directions.html>. Public parking is available at 11th and Jefferson streets.

If you have any questions about the proposed rules, please contact Christi Pederson, Policy Unit Manager, at (360) 725-2327 or e-mail at [pedercl@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:pedercl@dshs.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

  
Candace Goehring, Director  
Residential Care Services

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