



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

January 23, 2018

**AL TSA: ALF #2018-002**  
**FORMAL PHASE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-78A WAC**

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrators and Interested Parties:

The Department is beginning the rulemaking process to assure compliance with requirements from 2015-16 passed legislation, SB 5600, which states the new definition of abuse to include financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult. It also defines chemical, mechanical, and physical restraint.

Recently, the Department filed the CR-102, a more formal phase of the rule making process. The CR-102, including proposed rule language, is available on the AL TSA website at: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-assisted-living-facility-professionals> under the heading, "Assisted Living Facility Rule Filings" under WSR 18-03-146.

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: February 27th, 2018 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 February 27, 2018 to the following address or by email to Christine Butler at [DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov)  
*DSHS Rules Coordinator /RPAU*  
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Directions to Office Building 2 are online: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/RPAU-OB-2directions.html>. Public parking is available at 11th and Jefferson.

If you have any questions about the proposed rules, please contact Jeanette K. Childress, Assisted Living Facility Policy Program Manager at (360) 725-2591 or email at [childjk@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:childjk@dshs.wa.gov) .

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director  
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