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**AL TSA: ALF #2018-009**  
**CR-103 FILED (PERMANENT RULES) FOR CHAPTER 388-78A WAC**

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

This message is to announce the filing of a CR-103 (Permanent Rule) amending Chapter 388-78A WAC of the assisted living facility licensing rules. The department is amending sections in Chapter 388-78A WAC for assisted living facility licensing rules to remove the language requiring department approval from the definitions of abuse sections.

In August 2017, notification of the filing of a CR-102 began the permanent rule adoption process. The department will amend these rules as required by federal or state law to maintain federally delegated or authorized programs; and 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. A public hearing was held on February 27, 2018.

The department filed the CR-103P permanent rules (WSR 18-08-065) on 3/27/2018. The permanent rule will become effective on April 26, 2018.

The permanent rule won't appear online for at least two weeks after the full text of the rule is published in the Washington State Register.

If you have any questions, please contact [Jeanette K. Childress](mailto:Jeanette.K.Childress@dshs.wa.gov), ALF Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-2591 or [Jeanette.childress@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Jeanette.childress@dshs.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

  
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