



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Home and Community Living Administration
PO Box 45600 Olympia, WA 98504-5600

June 13, 2025

ALF #2025-022

**CR-101 FILED TO PROPOSE AMENDING AND ADDING SECTIONS OF
CHAPTER 388-78A WAC, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY LICENSING RULES**

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) is considering amending and adding sections of Chapter 388-78A WAC, Assisted Living Facility (ALF) Licensing Rules. The purpose of this rulemaking is directly related to [Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5337](#) which establishes a certification for ALFs operating as a memory care facility or a memory care unit. The rule writing will address the application process for certification, physical environment requirements, a separate disclosure for staffing levels, care and services requirements, disaster preparedness, and enforcement action for operating without a certification.

These changes are:

- Required by state law; and
- Necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare

The department filed a CR-101 (a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry and the first step in the rulemaking process to develop/change a rule) with the Office of the Code Reviser on May 27, 2025, to begin the rulemaking process. The notice will be published in the Washington State Register (WSR) under [WSR 25-12-025](#). This CR-101 and related rulemaking information will be available on the Residential Care Services rulemaking webpage [ALTSA RCS Rulemaking](#) as the rulemaking progresses.

For rulemaking questions, please contact Tamara Tredo, Assisted Living Facility and Enhanced Services Facilities Policy Program Manager, at 360-999-0237 or RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Abbott, Director
Residential Care Services

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