

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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ALTSA: CCRSS #2015-005 CR 101 FILED TO BEGIN RULEMAKING PROCESS TO CHAPTER 388-101 WAC

Dear Certified Community Residential Services and Supports Provider:

The department is considering adding and amending sections to Chapter 388-101 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) for Certified Community Residential Services and Supports (CCRSS). The CR-101 document was recently filed with the Office of the Code Reviser.

The CR-101 document can also be found on the Aging and Long Term Services Administration (ALTSA) on the professional page for CCRS providers. The address is https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-certified-community-residential-setting-providers

These changes are the result of the following legislation:

- House Bill 1307 which passed during this legislative session. This bill adds progressive enforcement options to the WAC chapter and allows RCS to be more flexible with remedies.
- Substitute Senate Bill 5600 passed during this legislative session and changed portions of the definition of abuse.
- Initiative 1163 passed in 2011 but had some requirements for supported living staff around training and fingerprint checks that do not go into effect until January 2016.

Please check the ALTSA website often as we will be posting draft language for review and comment before filing the CR-102.

For rule making questions, please contact Penny Rarick, Policy Program Manager, at 360-725-3210

Sincerely,

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