

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

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ALTSA: CCRSS #2016-008 CR-103P PERMANENT RULE FILED ADDING & AMENDING SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 388-101 WAC

Dear Certified Community Residential Services and Supports Provider:

You had been previously notified that the Department began the rulemaking process to add and amend sections to Chapter 388-101 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) for Certified Community Residential Services and Supports (CCRSS).

The permanent rule filing (CR103P) was filed on August 30, 2016 and the permanent rules took effect September 30th.

The permanent rule won't appear (or disappear for repealed rules) online for at least two to four weeks after the full text of the rule is published in the Washington State Register.

These rule changes included adding additional progressive enforcement options and more flexible remedies; definition changes to portions of the definition of abuse; added new training requirements for Long Term Care Workers, and changed background check requirements.

There have been some minor edits from the original filing, but none that change the intent of the rule.

Once the rules are published on-line they will be posted on the Aging and Long Term Services Administration (ALTSA) professional page for CCRSS providers. The address is https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-certified-community-residential-services-and-supports-providers.

If you have any questions about the proposed rules, please contact Claudia Baetge, CCRSS Policy Program Manager, at 360-725-2589 or at claudia.baetge@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director

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