

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: ESF #2016-010 CR-103-P PERMANENT RULE FILING 388-107 WAC ENHANCED SERVICES FACILITIES

Dear Enhanced Services Facilities, Interested Party and/or Stakeholder:

The department had previously informed you that in order to qualify for federal matching funds, the Enhanced Services Facilities (ESF) program must conform to federal CMS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) requirements. These federal requirements became effective after the initial ESF rules were adopted, necessitating a change to the rules in order to ensure that payments for ESF services will qualify for federal funding. Additional rule changes were needed to align the rules with recently passed legislation, align resident rights and person-centered services plans to Home and Community Based Services waiver, and revise minimum staffing requirements and building requirements.

The permanent rules are now final and published and are available on the ALTSA Enhanced Services Facilities website: https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/enhanced-services-facilities.

Please discard any copies you have of 388-107 WAC that were obtained prior to 09/01/16 and replace with the current rules.

If you have questions about these rules, please contact <u>Penny Rarick</u>, ESF Program Manager, at (360) 725-3210.

Sincerely.

Candace Goehring, Director Residential Care Services

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