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ALTSA: ALF #2017-008 ALTSA: ICF/IID #2017-006 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-78A WAC

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator: Dear ICF/IID (licensed as ALF) Administrator:

The CR-101 (WSR 16-11-076) filed in 2016 with the Office of the Code Reviser related to background checks expired and was recently refiled. Due to the complexity of the consolidation additional time was deemed necessary to continue the rule making process.

The department is considering adding, amending or repealing sections of Chapter 388-78A of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) related to background checks. These changes are needed to consolidate Negative Actions and Character, Competence, and Suitability rules. The consolidated list will provide better clarity and understanding for the public and contracted entities.

A CR-101 (WSR 17-12-096) was recently filed with the Office of the Code Reviser to begin the rulemaking process. The CR-101 document can be found on the ALTSA internet website under "Assisted Living Rule Filings" at <u>https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-assisted-living-facility-professionals</u>.

For rule-making questions, please contact Claudia Baetge, Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-2589.

Sincerely,

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