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WAC 246-888 EMERGENCY RULE MAKING - MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

Dear Administrator/Provider/Superintendent:

The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (the commission) recently updated and consolidated 33 chapter of rules into one chapter 246-945 WAC which eliminated chapter 246-888 WAC. This change resulted in unintended disruptions to the process of providing medication assistance in long-term care and in-home care settings permitted under chapter 69.41 RCW.

On July 20, 2021, the commission filed emergency rules under WSR 21-15-108 to reinstate chapter 246-888 WAC with a few clarifying changes from the original rules. These rules took effect when the rules were filed.

The emergency rules are adopted as Part 5, Medication Assistance, in chapter 246-945 WAC and do not change medication assistance definitions or what providers can do to assist clients who need medication assistance.

The commission will engage stakeholders to write permanent rules adopting medication assistance requirements.

Providers must follow with medication assistance requirements under chapter 246-945 WAC as adopted under WSR 21-15-108.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident and client health and safety. If you have questions, please contact [Sondra Silverman](#), Policy Program Manager, 360-688-0715.

Sincerely,

Mike Anbesse, Director
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