



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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CR-103P (PERMANENT RULE) FILED TO ADD SECTIONS TO CHAPTERS 388-76, 388-78A, 388-97, AND 388-107 WAC TO REESTABLISH INSPECTION SCHEDULES

Dear Administrator/Provider:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) filed a CR-103P on August 11, 2022, adopting amendments to Chapters 388-76 (Adult Family Home Minimum Licensing Requirements), 388-78A (Assisted Living Facility Rules), 388-97 (Nursing Homes), and 388-107 (Licensing Requirements for Enhanced Services Facilities) WAC. These changes are in compliance with Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1120 (Chapter 203, Laws of 2021), a portion of which requires the department to write rules to re-establish inspection timelines that were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The adopted rules are published in the Washington State Register under [WSR 22-17-051](#).

The department held a public hearing on July 26, 2022 and did not receive any comments on the proposed changes. The department did receive one question asking for clarification, which you can find on the Concise Explanatory Statement on Long-Term Care Professional pages found [here](#).

The permanent rule change will be available no later than two weeks after the rule is published in the Washington State Register.

If you have any questions, please contact [Libby Wagner](#), Policy Program Manager, at (360) 464-0487.

Sincerely,

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