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**CR-103P (PERMANENT RULES) AMENDING CHAPTERS 388-112  
(RESIDENTIAL LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES TRAINING) AND 388-71 (HOME AND  
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS) WAC**

Dear Provider/Administrator:

On December 9, 2022, Home and Community Services (HCS) filed a CR-103P (Permanent Rule) amending chapters 388-112A and 388-71 WAC regarding training requirements for long-term care workers. ([WSR 23-01-022](#)) Chapter 388-112A WAC regulates training requirements for long-term care workers in assisted living facilities, enhanced services facilities, adult family homes, and group homes, while chapter 388-71 WAC regulates training requirements for long-term care workers in home environments. This project removes differences in language between the chapters, updates language, and clarifies that the training requirements are the same for both groups. There is no change in policy or practice. These rules went into effect on January 9, 2023.

The following changes were made:

- Changing numbers over ten to numbers rather than words.
- Adding rules to WAC 388-71 that were already in place in WAC 388-112A but should be in both training sections.
- Moving rules to new, more logical locations.
- Clarifying language suggested by stakeholders.
- Making wording between chapters more consistent.
- Using gender neutral terms.
- Consolidating several redundant rules into a single rule.
- Changing “70-hour long-term care basic training” to “70-hour home care aide basic training”.
- Correcting of typographical and other unintended errors.
- Anticipating of a future Department of Health rule change related to the date of hire.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact your local RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,

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