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**EMERGENCY RULES FILED TO AMEND LONG-TERM CARE WORKER
CONTINUING EDUCATION DEADLINES**

Dear Provider/Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) filed emergency rules under [WSR 23-09-052 amending](#) long-term care worker Basic Training deadlines established in WACs **388-71-0876** and **388-112A-0081**: **When must long-term care workers who were working or hired during the COVID-19 public health emergency complete training, including required specialty training?**

This amendment extends the Basic Training and Home Care Aide Certification deadlines for any Long-Term Care workers hired or rehired between 5/1/2021 and 06/30/2023.

The emergency rules [SHS-4971.6 Final](#) describe these new deadlines as below:

- 1) Unless exempt from training as described in WAC 388-71-0839 or 388-112A-0090, a long-term care worker affected by the COVID-19 public health emergency must complete training, including required specialty training, as follows:

Worker hired or rehired during the time frame of:	Must complete basic training no later than:
8/17/2019 to 9/30/2020	1/31/2023
10/1/2020 to 4/30/2021	4/30/2023
5/1/2021 to 3/31/2022	7/31/2023
4/1/2022 to 9/30/2022	10/31/2023
10/1/2022 – 6/30/2023	11/30/2023
Beginning 7/1/2023	Standard training requirement of 120 days from hire date

- (2) Unless exempt from certification as described in WAC 246-980-025, a worker affected by the COVID-19 public health emergency who is required to be certified as a home care aide must obtain certification as follows:

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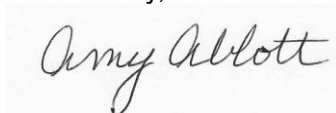
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Worker hired or rehired during the time frame of:	Must be certified as a home care aide no later than:
8/17/2019 to 9/30/2020	5/31/2023
10/1/2020 to 4/30/2021	8/28/2023
5/1/2021 to 3/31/2022	11/27/2023
4/1/2022 to 9/30/2022	2/27/2024
06/30/2023	3/28/2024
Beginning 07/1/2023	Standard certification requirement of 200 days from hire date

The effective date of this emergency rule was April 17, 2023. The expiration date is August 15, 2023.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact the RCS Policy Team at rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Amy Abbott, Director
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