



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
*Aging and Long-Term Support Administration*  
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**RESUME STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT TO CONSIDER AMENDING RULES TO  
IMPLEMENT SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1218**

Dear Administrator/Provider:

The Department of Social and Health Services (Department) is considering amending Chapters 388-76, 388-78A, 388-97, and 388-101 WAC as may be required to implement sections 1-18 and 20-29 of [Substitute House Bill \(SHB\) 1218 \(Chapter 159, Laws of 2021\)](#). The rulemaking will affect disaster preparedness requirements for adult family homes, assisted living facilities, enhanced services facilities, and enhanced services facilities.

The first rulemaking project filed under [WSR 22-04-046](#) on January 26, 2022 will address the following subjects:

- Adopt requirements for providers to publicly post stop placement orders.
- Adopt requirements for provider to create and maintain resident rosters as well as responding to requests from ombuds for roster information.
- Incorporate new definition of resident representative.
- Replace the phrase “his or her” with appropriate gender-neutral terms.

The second rulemaking project filed under [WSR 22-04-047](#) on January 26, 2022 will address the following subjects:

- Facility communication system, resident access to communications, and facility responsiveness to outside communications.
- Comprehensive disaster preparedness plans, and related policies and procedures, and equipment for a range of potential hazards, emergencies, and disasters.
- Visitation of essential support persons.
- Resident’s rights to a safe and healthy environment.

Please check the ALTSA website for updated information about the CR-101 filing. For rule making questions, please contact Amy Grimsley, Disaster Preparedness Policy Program Manager, at [amy.grimsley@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:amy.grimsley@dshs.wa.gov), or (360) 725-2488.

Interested parties can find meeting time and platform information by emailing the RCS Policy inbox at [rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov).

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety.

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director  
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