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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Home and Community Living Administration
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CR-101 FILED TO PROPOSE AMENDING AND ADDING SECTIONS OF WAC CHAPTERS 388-76 ADULT FAMILY HOME MINIMUM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, 388-78A ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY LICENSING RULES, 388-107 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR ENHANCED SERVICES FACILITIES, 388-101 CERTIFIED COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

Dear Provider/Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) is considering amending and adding sections of WAC chapters 388-76 Adult Family Home Minimum Licensing Requirements, 388-78A Assisted Living Facility Licensing Rules, 388-107 Licensing Requirements for Enhanced Services Facilities, and 388-101 Certified Community Residential Services and Supports. These changes will align the department's rules with federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid requirements for reporting critical incidents to the department. The rulemaking project is limited to critical incidents involving certain medication errors.

These changes are needed to protect public health, safety, and welfare and to maintain federally delegated or authorized programs.

The department filed a CR-101 with the Office of the Code Reviser on January 21, 2026, to begin the rulemaking process. The notice will be published in the Washington State Register (WSR) under WSR [26-04-001](#). This CR-101 and related rulemaking information is available on the DSHS [Home & Community Living Administration FKA Aging & Long-Term Support Administration | DSHS](#). Please check that webpage for updates as the rulemaking progresses.

For rulemaking questions, please contact Colleen Jensen, Policy Program Manager at 564-999-3182 or rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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