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**Amendments to Chapter 388-76 WAC, Chapter 388-78A WAC, Chapter 388-107 WAC -  
Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)**

Dear Provider/Administrator:

This message is to announce the filing of a CR-103P (a form used in rulemaking announce the formal adoption of a rule), Rule-making Order (Permanent Rule) amending sections of Chapter 388-76 WAC, Adult Family Home Minimum Licensing Requirements, Chapter 388-78A WAC, Assisted Living Facility Licensing Rules, and Chapter 388-107 WAC, Licensing Requirements for Enhanced Services Facilities. The adopted rules make the following changes to advocacy contacts listed in the rules, without changing the effect of the rules: correct a typographical error in an email address, add a physical address, and add a phone number that was not established when the rules were originally written. These amendments will help the regulated entities meet the requirements of the chapter(s).

On January 2, 2026, the department filed the CR-105 (a form used for expedited rules) to announce the rule filing with the Office of the Code Reviser (WSR [26-02-042](#)). The department did not receive any objections to the proposed changes.

The department filed the CR-103P, Rule-making Order (WSR [26-08-074](#)) on March 30, 2026, to announce the adoption of the proposed rules. The adopted changes affect WACs 388-76-10506, 388-76-10617, 388-78A-2651, 388-78A-2661, 388-107-0161, and 388-107-0281.

The permanent rule will become effective on May 1, 2026 and will not appear online for at least two weeks after the full text of the rule is published in the Washington State Register. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Jensen, Policy Program Manager, at (564) 999-3182 or [rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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