



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
*Aging and Long-Term Support Administration*  
*PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600*

June 25, 2015

**AL TSA: NH #2015-023**  
**AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrators and Interested Parties:

In March 2015, the Department began the rulemaking process to amend sections of Chapter 388-97 WAC to comply and be consistent with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process.

The department is revising the PASRR rules within 388-97 to clarify the role nursing facilities must take in the PASRR process.

Recently, the department filed the CR-102, a more formal phase of the rule making process. The CR-102, including proposed rule language, is available on the AL TSA website under the heading "NH Rule Filings" at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-nursing-home-professionals>.

You may either submit comments in person at the public hearing listed below or in writing to the Department's Rules and Policies Assistance Unit (RPAU).

The formal hearing for the proposed rules is scheduled:

*Date:* July 7, 2015  
*Time:* 10:00 a.m.  
*Location:* Office Building 2 (DSHS Headquarters)  
1115 Washington  
Olympia, WA 98504

You must submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date, to the following address or by email to Jennisha Johnson at [DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov)

*DSHS Rules Coordinator /RPAU*  
*PO Box 45850*  
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Public parking is available at 11th and Jefferson Streets. Directions to Office Building 2 can be found at <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/RPAU-OB-2directions.html>.

If you have any questions about the proposed rules, please contact Amy Abbott, Nursing Home Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-2581 or at [amy.abbott@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:amy.abbott@dshs.wa.gov)..

Sincerely,

Kathy Morgan, Interim Director  
Residential Care Services  
"Transforming Lives"