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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-97**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The department is considering adding, amending or repealing sections of Chapter 388-97 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) related to background checks. These changes are needed to consolidate Negative Actions and Character, Competence, and Suitability rules. The consolidated list will provide better clarity and understanding for the public and contracted entities.

A CR-101 (WSR 16-11-078) was recently filed with the Office of the Code Reviser to begin the rulemaking process. The CR-101 document can be found on the ALTSA internet website under "NH Rule Filings" at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-nursing-home-professionals>

For rule-making questions, please contact Claudia Baetge, Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-2589.

Sincerely,

*Linda Banigued*  
for Candy Goehring, Director  
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