



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

September 12, 2016

**ALTSA: NH #2016-026**  
**AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

In July 2015, the department began the rulemaking process to amend sections of Chapter 388-97 to conform to newly passed legislation regarding:

- Changes to definitions in the "Abuse of Vulnerable Adults" law; and
- Changes to the nursing home staffing requirements.

Recently the department filed a CR-102 supplemental due to changes made after the CR 102 hearing was held on June 21, 2016. The CR-102 supplemental, including proposed rule language, is available on the ALTSA website under the heading "NH Rule Filings" at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-nursing-home-professionals>.

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

The formal hearing for proposed rules is scheduled:

*Date: October 25, 2016*

*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 Christine Butler at [DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov)

*DSHS Rules Coordinator/RPAU*

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Directions to Office Building 2 can be found: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/RPAU-OB-2directions.html>. Public parking is available at 11th and Jefferson streets.

If you have any questions about the proposed rules, please contact Amy Abbott, Policy Unit Manager at (360) 725-2327 or at [amy.abbott@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:amy.abbott@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director  
Residential Care Services

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