



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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AL TSA: NH #2016-034
CR-101 FILED TO PROPOSE ADDING & AMENDING SECTIONS
TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The department is considering adding, repealing, or amending sections to Chapter 388-97 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) for Nursing Homes. A CR-101 document was recently filed with the Office of the Code Reviser.

The CR-101 document can be found on the Aging and Long Term Support Administration (AL TSA) internet website at: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-nursing-home-professionals> under "NH Rule Filings".

The department's purpose in filing the CR-101 is to add, appeal or amend sections to Chapter 388-97 WAC.

- These rules have not been updated in seven or more years and are unclear, ambiguous, and inaccurate.
- These rule changes will create consistent regulations across the Residential Care Services programs.
- The rule making will be limited to the tuberculosis sections and the associated definitions.

Please check the AL TSA website often as we will be posting draft language for review and comment before filing the CR-102. For rule making questions, please contact Jeanette K. Childress, Long Term Care Policy Program Manager at (360) 725-2591 or childjk@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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