



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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ALTSA: NH #2016-041
PERMANENT RULE FILING 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.

The permanent rule filing (CR103P) was filed on November 16, 2016 and the permanent rule will take effect on December 17, 2016.

Once the rules are published on-line they will be posted on the Aging and Long term Care (ALTSA) website under the heading “NH Rule Filings” at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-nursing-home-professionals>.

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

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director
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