



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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AL TSA: NH #2017-030
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator and Interested Parties:

In 2017 the legislature passed Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1548, which requires the department to create learning objectives and competencies for a specialized training that is at least 30 hour in length. Geriatric behavior health workers must complete the training prior to being recognized in the minimum staffing requirements as part of the direct care service delivery.

The department is beginning the rule-making process to amend WAC 388-97-1090 to assure compliance with ESHB 1548.

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":

Please check the AL TSA website often as we will be posting draft language for review and comment before filing the proposed rule with the CR-102.

For rule making questions, please contact Amy Abbott, Policy, Training and QA Office Chief, (360) 725-2489.

Sincerely,

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