



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

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ALTSA: NH #2018-002
FORMAL PHASE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator or other Interested Parties:

The Department is proposing to amend the Nursing Home rules to update language to reflect current requirements found in the Code of Federal Regulations related to the electronic transmittal of the resident assessment instrument (RAI). The timeline for the transmittal of the RAI will be changed from ten to fourteen days to match federal regulations.

Recently, the Department filed the CR-102, a more formal phase of the rule making process. The CR-102, including proposed rule language, is available on the ALTSA website at: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-nursing-home-professionals> under the heading, "NH Rule Filings" under Chapter 388-97 WAC (Resident Assessment).

You may either submit comments in person at the public hearing listed below or in writing to the Department's Rules and Policies Assistance Unit (RPAU). The formal hearing for the proposed rules is scheduled for:

Date: February 27th, 2018 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 February 27, 2018 to the following address or by email to Christine Butler at DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov
DSHS Rules Coordinator /RPAU
PO Box 45850
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Directions to Office Building 2 can be found at <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/RPAU-OB-2directions.html>. Public parking is available at 11th and Jefferson.

If you have any questions about the proposed rules, please contact Teva Weissman, Policy Unit Manager, at (360) 725-2327 or email at teva.weissman@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director
Residential Care Services

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