



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
*Aging and Long-Term Support Administration*  
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**ALTSA: NH #2018-020**  
**ALTSA: ICF/IID #2018-010**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:  
Dear ICF/IID (licensed as NH) Superintendent/Administrator:

The CR-101 (WSR 17-12-099) filed on June 6, 2017 with the Office of the Code Reviser related to background checks expired and was recently refiled. Due to the complexity of the consolidation and stakeholder input, additional time was necessary to continue the rule making process.

The department is considering adding, amending or repealing sections of Chapter 388-97 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) related to background checks. The purpose of this change is to consolidate the rules related to background checks, negative actions and character, competence, and suitability determinations between Residential Care Services (RCS), Home and Community Services (HCS), and the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). The consolidated list will provide better clarity and understanding for the public and contracted entities.

A CR-101 ([WSR 18-17-175](#)) was recently filed with the Office of the Code Reviser to begin the rulemaking process. The CR-101 document can be found on ALTSA's [Information for Nursing Home Professionals web page](#) under "NH Rule Filings".

For rule-making questions, please contact [Claudia Baetge](#), Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-2589.

Sincerely,

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