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**ALTSA: NH #2020-003**  
**CR103P Nursing Home Rule Filing for 388-97-0140 WAC**

Dear Nursing Home Provider and Interested Parties:

This message is to announce the filing of a CR-103P (Permanent Rule) amending Chapter 388-97-0140 WAC, "Transfer and discharge appeals for residents in medicare or medicaid certified facilities." The Department is amending these rules.

Residential Care Services filed a CR-105 (expedited rule) under WSR #19-22-068 on November 5, 2019 to begin the process of amending this rule.

The department filed the CR-103P permanent rules ([WSR 20-03-103](#)) on January 15, 2020. The rule will be effective February 15, 2020.

The scope of changes in rulemaking was to more clearly define the transfer and discharge appeal process by removing references to WAC 388-526. WAC 388-526 was repealed in 2012. Removing the references to the obsolete WAC will refer users to the correct WAC chapter.

The permanent rule will not appear online for at least two weeks after the full text of the rule is published in the Washington State Register.

If you have any questions, please contact [Lisa Herke](#), Nursing Home Policy Program Manager, at (509) 209-3088.

Sincerely,

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