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AL TSA: NH #2020-059
CR-103E FILED TO EXTEND EMERGENCY RULES AMENDING OR SUSPENDING SOME
NURSING HOME REQUIREMENTS AND CR-101 FILED TO CONSIDER PERMANENTLY
AMENDING THE RULES

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

Residential Care Services (RCS) filed emergency rules (WSR [20-09-074](#)) effective April 13, 2020, for some nursing home requirements. The rules were amended, suspended, or revoked in response to the significant threat of COVID-19. These rules expired on August 11, 2020.

On August 11, 2020, RCS filed a CR-103E (WSR 20-17-048) to extend the rules. The extension was effective August 11, 2020 and the rules expire on December 9, 2020.

The following rules are amended, suspended, or temporarily repealed:

- Transfer and discharge rules: Amendment of WAC 388-97-0120 suspends the requirement to provide a bed-hold notice to a resident who leaves the facility.
- Resident assessment: Amendment of WAC 388-97-1000 removes the timeline requirements from the required resident assessment.
- Care planning: Amendment of WAC 388-97-1020 removes the requirement to develop a care plan within seven days of completion of the resident assessment.
- PASRR: WACs 388-97-1915 and 388-97-1975 were amended to permit the level I screening, and if needed, the level II evaluation to occur up to 30 days after admission.
- Resident groups: WAC 388-97-0920 ensures residents can participate in resident and family groups. The WAC was temporarily repealed.

Additionally, RCS filed a CR-101 on August 5, 2020 to begin permanent rule making on the WACs named in the emergency rule. The CR-101 document is available on Aging and Long Term Support Administration's (AL TSA) Information for [Nursing Home Professionals](#) web page, under "NH Rule Filings".

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, including how to participate in the rule-making process, please contact Lisa Herke, Nursing Home Policy Program Manager, at (509) 209-3088 or lisa.herke@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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