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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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NURSING HOME: PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY RULES MEMORIALIZED IN CR-103P PERMANENT RULEMAKING

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform providers that a CR-103P notice (permanent rulemaking) was filed and adopted that memorialized nursing home rules and effective dates of the rules that were suspended or amended during the public health emergency (PHE).

As you know, the COVID-19 public health emergency produced many emergency rules that suspended or amended permanent rules to protect public health and safety. Emergency rules expired and permanent rules were reinstated at various times depending on public need and availability of resources.

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) prepared permanent rulemaking to memorialize the regulatory requirements that were suspended or amended during the PHE with the associated time frames, to help employees and providers keep track when reviewing facility and resident history. These rules were published in the recent WAC update on March 7, 2024.

The following rules were included in the permanent rule filing for [Chapter 388-97 WAC, Nursing homes](#), ([WSR 24-07-008](#)):

- **WAC 388-97-0300** Notice of rights and services
- **WAC 388-97-0920** Participation in resident and family groups
- **WAC 388-97-1000** Resident assessment
- **WAC 388-97-1020** Comprehensive plan of care
- **WAC 388-97-1260** Physician Services
- **WAC 388-97-1380** Tuberculosis-Testing required
- **WAC 388-97-1580** Tuberculosis-Test records
- **WAC 388-97-1740** Disaster and emergency preparedness
- **WAC 388-97-1760** Quality assessment and assurance
- **WAC 388-97-2400** Resident rooms

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety.
If you have any questions, please contact **RCS Policy** at RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director
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