



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Home and Community Living Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600**

January 21, 2026

**HCLA: NH #2026-003
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) is proposing to amend and add sections of Chapter 388-97 WAC.

On December 30, 2025, the department filed the CR-102 (a form used to officially announce and solicit public comments on proposed new or amended rules as part of the Administrative Procedure Act), a more formal phase of the rulemaking process, with the Office of the Code Reviser. Links to the CR-102 ([WSR 26-02-033](#)) document and proposed rule language are available on [Home & Community Living Administration fka Aging & Long-Term Support | DSHS](#) page.

You may either submit comments 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:

Date/Time: **February 10, 2026, at 10 am.**

Location: **Virtual**

Please see the [DSHS website](#) for more information. You must submit written comments by **5:00 PM on February 10, 2026**, to DSHS Rules coordinator/RPAU PO Box 45850 Olympia, WA 98504-5850 or by email to DSHSRPAURulesCoodinator@dshs.wa.gov.

For rule-making questions, please contact Tiffany Meyers, Policy Program Manager, at 360-464-0373 or rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director
Residential Care Services

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