



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Home and Community Living Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504

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HCLA: NH #2026-005
**CR-103P (PERMANENT RULE) FILED TO REPEAL SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 388-97 WAC
THAT ARE NO LONGER IN USE (NURSING HOMES)**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) filed a CR-103P on January 20, 2025, to repeal redundant resident protection program (RPP), also known as resident and client protection program (RCPP), located in WAC 388-97-0660 through 388-97-0840, that are no longer in use. The repealed rules are published in the Washington State Register (WSR) under [WSR 26-03-089](#).

The responsibility for investigation of potential abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation allegations, against a nursing home (NH) resident by an individual, transitioned from Residential Care Services (RCS) under RPP to Adult Protective Services (APS). These investigations are now conducted by APS, in accordance with [chapter 388-103 WAC](#), making RCS WACs 388-97-0660 through 388-97-0840 redundant.

The rules will be repealed as of February 20, 2026, but the permanent rule change will not appear online for at least two weeks after the rule is published in the Washington State Register.

If you have questions about this rulemaking project, please contact Jodi Lamoreaux, RCS Nursing Home Policy Program Manager at (360) 464-0487 or Jodi.Lamoreaux1@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Related References:

- [Chapter 388-97 WAC](#)