



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Home and Community Living Administration
P.O. Box 45600 • Olympia, Washington 98504

March 19, 2026

HCLA: NH #2026-012

CR-103P Filed to Repeal Expired Sections of Chapter 388-97 WAC (Nursing Home)

Dear Nursing Home Administrator,

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) filed a CR-103P (permanent rule) to repeal expired sections of Chapter 388-97 WAC – Nursing Homes.

The department is seeking to repeal expired minimum direct care nursing (MDCN) 3.4 hours per resident day (HPRD) exception/waiver information from [WAC 388-97-1090](#).

The department's authority to grant exceptions to the Washington State MDCN 3.4 HPRD requirement expired on June 30, 2018. Rulemaking is being completed to repeal the expired exception/waiver information from WAC 388-97-1090.

A CR-105 (a form indicating expedited rule making) and a copy of the proposed rule text was filed under [WSR 26-07-022](#) with the Office of the Code Reviser on March 9, 2026.

Please check the [HCLA website](#) often for updated information about this CR-103P filing.

If you have questions about this rulemaking project, please contact Jodi Lamoreaux, RCS Nursing Home Policy Program Manager at RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Amy Abbott in cursive.

Amy Abbott, Director
Residential Care Services

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