



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

The Department is considering amending the following sections in chapter 388-97 WAC, Nursing Homes: WAC 388-97-0001 Definitions, WAC 388-97-1080 Nursing Services, WAC 388-97-1660 Staff and Equipment, WAC 388-97-4560 Amount of Civil Fine, WAC 388-97-4600 Civil Penalty Fund, and other related rules as may be required. The Department may also develop new rule sections related to staffing ratio requirements.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

Chapter 18.51 RCW and Chapter 74.42 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The Department is amending these rules to assure compliance with requirements from recently passed legislation SHB 1274 and SB 5600.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Federal - Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact:

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Draft section language will be posted on AL TSA Professional internet webpage for review and comment prior to filing the CR-102. Anyone from the public can comment directly to the Program Manager listed above via phone, email, or fax.

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