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 proposing to add new sections, repeal existing sections, and amend sections in chapter 388-78A WAC "Assisted Living Facility Licensing Rules" related to tuberculosis screening including WAC 388-78A-2480, WAC 388-78A-2481, WAC 388-78A-2482, WAC 388-78A-2483, WAC 388-78A-2484, WAC 388-78A-2485, WAC 388-78A-2486, WAC 388-78A-2487, WAC 388-78A-2488, WAC 388-78A-2489, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

Chapter 18.20 RCW, Chapter 74.39A RCW

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

These rules have not been updated in seven years or more and are unclear, ambiguous, and inaccurate. The rules need to be updated to include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations, as well as the Department of Health regulations. These rule changes will create consistent regulations across the Residential Care Services programs.

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

The Washington Department of Health collaborates and coordinates closely with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Residential Care Services to develop regulations of the requirements associated with tuberculosis in chapter 388-78A WAC "Assisted Living Facility Licensing Rules", and other related rules as may be necessary.

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 ALTSA 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.

DATE
September 16, 2016

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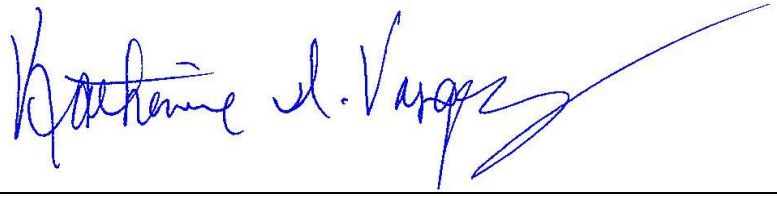

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