



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

**Subject of possible rule making:** WAC 388-71-0876 When must a long-term care worker who was working or hired during the COVID-19 public health emergency complete training, including required specialty training?, 388-71-0992 When must continuing education be completed when public health emergency waivers are lifted, and what continuing education credit is granted to long-term care workers employed during the pandemic?, 388-112A-0081 When must long-term care workers who were working or hired during the COVID-19 public health emergency complete training, including specialty training? and 388-112A-0613 when must continuing education be completed when public health emergency waivers are lifted, and what continuing education credit is granted to long-term care workers employed during the pandemic? These rules will be finalizing training, certification, and continuing education pandemic extensions and setting a date for repeal of those sections. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) (department) is considering amending these rules and other related rules as appropriate to make them permanent.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.520, 74.39A.074, and 74.39A.341

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Availability of training and certification for long-term care workers continues to require extension to deadlines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The extensions are critical for ensuring the ability of long-term care workers to access training, certification, and continuing education. The department intends to put current emergency rule deadlines into permanent rule to cover those long-term care workers still affected by training and certification backlogs, and to clarify a final repeal date for all COVID training rules when no longer required as directed by statute.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** None

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative rulemaking. 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 rulemaking. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

**Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:**

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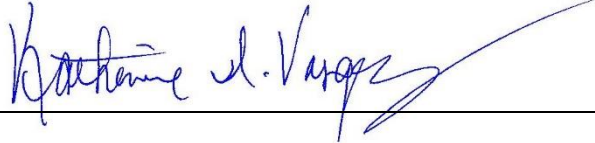
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