



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) _____

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes
 - No
- If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The department is amending the rule listed below to assure Certified Community Residential Services and Supports (CCRSS) service providers are not significantly impeded from providing services and support to clients during the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Inslee's proclamation 20-18 and subsequent extensions identified that the pandemic has resulted in disruptions to long-term care systems, including the ability to safely conduct inspections. The governor's proclamations included the suspension of licensing inspections for all long-term care settings with the exception of CCRSS settings. Current rules state that the department may conduct an on-site certification evaluation for each service provider at any time, but at least once every two years. The amendment lengthens the amount of time to complete certification evaluations that are currently suspended for consistency and safety across all programs regulated by the department. The amendment will allow the department additional time to complete certification evaluations when it is safe and practical to do so.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
 Repealed: None
 Amended: WAC 388-101-3130
 Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: Chapter 71A.12 RCW

Other authority:

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Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding: The threat of COVID-19 to our most vulnerable populations is significant, especially for those receiving long-term care services in their homes and congregate settings, such as Certified Community Residential Services and Support (CCRSS) settings. Current CCRSS rules ensure the department may conduct on-site certification evaluations of each CCRSS service provider at any time, but at least once every two years. Due to the suspension of certification evaluations, as proclaimed for all other long-term care settings related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the amendment will allow for additional time to complete the certification evaluations when the pandemic subsides.

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Federal statute:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

WAC 388-101-3130 Certification evaluation. (1) The department may conduct an on-site certification evaluation of each service provider at any time (~~, but at least once every two years~~).

(2) During certification evaluations the service provider's administrator or designee must:

(a) Cooperate with department representatives during the on-site visit;

(b) Provide all contractor records, client records, and other relevant information requested by the department representatives;

(c) Ensure the service provider's administrator or designee is available during any visit to respond to questions or issues identified by department representatives; and

(d) Ensure the service provider's administrator or designee is present at the exit conference.