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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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AL TSA: NH Rates #2017-004
RE: Update to WAC 388-96

Dear Nursing Facility Administrator:

As you are aware, the Department recently completed rulemaking to update WAC 388-96 and bring it in line with the new methodology implemented July 1, 2016. During this rulemaking process we conducted a review of the existing rules as well.

As we wrap up this year and you start to think about preparing your 2017 cost reports, please take a few moments to review the entirety of WAC 388-96, which can be found at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-96&full=true>. It is important that facilities be aware of the changes that were made to this section, but this is also an excellent opportunity to review the rules that were not changed as well. The rules, both old and new, are the Department's framework for our Medicaid rate methodology and processes, so it is essential that everyone is on the same page.

If you have any questions about any part of our rules, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Peter Graham, Chief
Office of Rates Management