

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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## ALTSA: ALF #2020-005 CR-103 ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY RULE FILING

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator and Interested Parties:

This message is to announce the filing of a CR-103 (Permanent Rule) amending Chapter 388-78A WAC of the Assisted Living Facility licensing rules. The Department adopted WAC 388-78A-2851 under WSR 20-02-104. The department received a comment on the proposed text made during the open public comment period, and agrees with the commenter but failed to update WAC 388-78A-2851 to remove subsection (3)(c) which references 388-78A-2703.

The department is filing this CR 103 correction with updated language to address that comment because leaving the reference to WAC 388-78A-2703 put unintended requirements in place for existing facilities.

The department filed the CR-103P permanent rules (<u>WSR 20-03-122</u>) on January 17, 2020. The changes, other than editing from proposed to adopted version, are to WAC 388-78A-2851 to remove (3)(c) which references 388-78A-2703. The permanent rule will become effective on February 18, 2020. The scope of changes in rulemaking was to the applicability section only.

The permanent rule won't appear online for at least two weeks after the full text of the rule is published in the Washington State Register.

If you have any questions, please contact <u>Jeanette Childress</u>, LTC Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-2591.

Sincerely, *landwee Guhn*y

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