

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

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ALTSA: ALF #2021-030 CR103 (PERMANENT RULE) AMENDING WAC 388-78A-2371 INVESTIGATIONS AND WAC 388-78A-2360 ADULT DAY SERVICES

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) filed a CR-103P on May 27, 2021 adopting amendments to WAC 388-78A-2371, Investigations, and WAC 388-78A-2360, Adult Day Services. The adopted rules are published in the Washington State Register under <u>WSR 21-12-065</u>.

On September 4, 2020, the department began the permanent rule-making process by filing a preproposal statement of inquiry under <u>WSR 20-19-021</u>. On February 25, 2021, the department filed the proposed rules under <u>WSR 21-06-048</u>. The department adopted these rules to protect the health and safety of the residents in assisted living facilities and to benefit regulated entities.

The department held a public hearing on April 6, 2021 and did not receive any comments on the proposed changes. The department did receive one question asking for clarification, which you can find on the Concise Explanatory Statement on *ALTSA'S Information for Assisted Living Facilities Professionals* here.

The permanent rule change will be available <u>here</u> no later than two weeks after the rule is published in the Washington State Register (WSR).

If you have any questions, please contact <u>Debbie Hoeman</u>, Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-3210.

Sincerely,

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