



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Home and Community Living Administration
P.O. Box 45600 • Olympia, Washington 98504

July 11, 2025

ALF #2025-028
**CR-101 FILED TO PROPOSE WRITING ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES
MEMORY CARE SERVICES CERTIFICATION RULES**

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

[Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5337 \(E2SSB 5337\)](#) *Assisted Living Facilities-Memory Care Services* was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor on April 30, 2025. The bill establishes a certification requirement and process for licensed facilities providing memory care services or specialized dementia services in a memory care facility or memory care unit.

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is proposing to amend and add new sections to [Chapter 388-78A WAC](#). The new and amended sections will establish a process for ALFs to obtain certification and requirements for maintaining a memory care certification. The CR-101 (a preproposal statement of inquiry and notification to the public about plans to revise a rule) under [WSR 25-12-025](#) was filed with the Office of the Code Revisor on May 27, 2025, to begin the rulemaking process.

Interested Parties- We want to hear from you!

Residential Care Services will be hosting four webinars starting in July of 2025, intended to receive feedback from our interested parties on proposed draft rule language for the memory care certification. Draft rules will be distributed prior to each meeting for participants to review.

- **Meeting 1:** Thursday, July 24, 2025, 1:30PM-3:30PM- [Register here](#)
Topic: Review of Memory Care Certification Draft Rule
- **Meeting 2:** Thursday, August 14, 2025, 1:30PM-3:30PM- [Register here](#)
Topic: Review of Memory Care Certification Draft Rule
- **Meeting 3:** Thursday, September 4, 2025, 1:30PM-3:30PM- [Register here](#)
Topic: Review of Memory Care Certification Draft Rule
- **Meeting 4:** Thursday, September 25, 2025, 1:30PM-3:30PM- [Register here](#)
Topic: Review of Memory Care Certification Draft Rule

Please check the Home and Community Living Administration (HCLA) often for updated information on the CR-101 filing at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/racs/altsa-racs-rulemaking>.

For rule-making questions, please contact Tamara Tredo, Policy Program Manager, at 360-999-0237 or rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director
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