



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
*Aging and Long-Term Support Administration*  
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**AL TSA: CCRSS #2022-016**  
**CR-103E FILED TO EXTEND EMERGENCY RULE AMENDING CERTIFIED**  
**COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORTS REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
**CERTIFICATION EVALUATIONS**

Dear Certified Community Residential Services and Supports Provider:

On August 6, 2020, Residential Care Services (RCS) filed the initial emergency rule related to certification evaluations. The rule amendment was originally suspended under [WSR 20-17-012](#) and refiled without interruption through this current filing under [WSR 22-14-076](#), which will expire October 28, 2022. The emergency rule has been adopted to allow the Department of Social and Health Services (department) additional time to complete certification evaluations when it is safe and practical to do so.

Although the threat of COVID-19 to our most vulnerable populations continues, we are seeing improvement and RCS staff and contractors are resuming certification evaluations. The current rule states the department may conduct an on-site certification evaluation for each service provider at any time, but at least once every two years. The emergency rule eliminates the maximum two-year time frame, lengthening the amount of time allowed to complete certification evaluations.

RCS is currently working on a permanent rule to adopt the time frame the emergency rule was in place, and to identify the conditions under which the certification evaluations will be back in compliance. We anticipate this being the final emergency rule filing.

Thank you for your continued commitment to client health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Hoeman, Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-3210 or [Debbie.Hoeman@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Debbie.Hoeman@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Anbesse".

Mike Anbesse, Director  
Residential Care Services

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