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CR103 FILED (PERMANENT RULES) FOR CHAPTER 388-112A WAC, RESIDENTIAL LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES TRAINING

Dear Provider or Administrator,

This message is to announce the filing of a CR-103 (Permanent Rule) amending Chapter 388-112A of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), Residential Long-Term Care Services Training rules. The Home and Community Services Division amended and added to these rules. The scope of these changes is to:

- Add a section requiring homes to review a long-term care worker's training and certification prior to hire;
- Add a section on resetting the date of hire to make this information clearer and easier to find;
- Amend requirements for supervision when a long-term care worker in an assisted living facility has not completed specialty training;
- Split WAC 388-112A-0610 on continuing education requirements into three sections, each focused on a specific long-term care setting;
- Make general editing and reorganizational changes for clarity.

The department filed the CR-103P permanent rules (WSR <u>20-14-088</u>) on June 30, 2020. The permanent rule became effective on July 31, 2020. However, because this chapter is currently suspended, originally by Governor's Proclamation <u>20-10</u> and most recently extended until October 1, 2020, through Governor's Proclamation <u>20-65.1</u>, the rule changes are also currently suspended. When the chapter is re-instated, it will be with the changes in effect. The full text of the rule is currently available in the Washington State Register <u>here</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Policy Unit at rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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