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MEDICATION ASSISTANCE RULES

Dear Administrator/Provider/Superintendent:

The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (the commission) recently updated and consolidated all rules under its authority. As part of the consolidation, the commission repealed chapter 246-888 WAC. This change has resulted in unintended disruptions for the process of medication assistance in the long-term care and in-home care settings permitted under chapter 69.41 RCW.

The intention of the consolidation was not to change the current practice around medication assistance. Until further notice, you should proceed with medication assistance processes the way you did prior to March 2021 by following the requirements in [Chapter 246-888 WAC](#).

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident and client health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Mike Anbesse, Director
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