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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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**CR-101s FILED TO CONSIDER AMENDING
CHAPTERS 388-76, 388-78A, 388-97, AND 388-107 WAC TO IMPLEMENT SHB 1218**

Dear Administrator/Provider:

The Department of Social and Health Services (Department) is considering amending Chapters 388-76, 388-78A, 388-97, and 388-107 WAC as may be required to implement sections 1-18 and 20-29 of [Substitute House Bill \(SHB\) 1218 \(Chapter 159, Laws of 2021\)](#). The rulemaking will affect disaster preparedness requirements for adult family homes, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and enhanced services facilities.

The first rulemaking project filed under [WSR 22-04-046](#) on January 26, 2022 will address the following subjects:

- Adopt requirements for providers to publicly post stop placement orders,
- Adopt requirements for providers to create and maintain resident rosters as well as responding to requests from ombuds for roster information,
- Incorporate new definition of resident representative,
- Replace the phrase "his or her" with appropriate gender-neutral terms.

The second rulemaking project filed under [WSR 22-04-047](#) on January 26, 2022 will address the following subjects:

- Facility communication system, resident access to communications, and facility responsiveness to outside communications.
- Comprehensive disaster preparedness plans, and related policies and procedures, and equipment for a range of potential hazards, emergencies, and disasters.
- Visitation of essential support persons.
- Resident's rights to a safe and healthy environment.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety.

If you have any questions, please contact [Brian Laughlin](#), Policy Program Manager, at (360)867-8247 or brian.laughlin@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Mike Anbesse, Director
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