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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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**EMERGENCY RULES AND PROPOSED RULES FILED REGARDING LONG-TERM CARE
WORKER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Dear Administrator/Provider:

On April 6, 2022, the Department of Social and Health Services (department) filed emergency rules under [WSR 22-08-110](#) to begin reimplementation of long-term care training requirements that were suspended in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

These emergency rules went into effect April 6, 2022, extending the time long-term care workers must complete training, and set specific dates for completing training based on their date of hire. The rules also grant long-term care workers up to 12 hours of continuing education credit for on-the-job training if they were hired between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021. For a graph showing how the on-the-job training and other continuing education credit will be granted, follow this [link](#).

The department also filed a CR-102 under [WSR 22-08-112](#) to propose permanent adoption of the emergency rule requirements for long-term care worker training. The public hearing for the proposed rules will be held May 10, 2022 and can be attended virtually. For more information about how to attend the hearing or provide comments on the proposed rules, follow this [link](#).

If you have any questions about the emergency or proposed rules, please contact David Chappell via DavidChappel@dshs.wa.gov or 360-725-2549.

Sincerely,

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