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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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**EMERGENCY RULES FILED TO AMEND LONG-TERM CARE WORKER
CONTINUING EDUCATION DEADLINES**

Dear Provider/Administrator:

Home and Community Services filed a CR 103E (emergency rule) under WSR [23-06-023](#) amending long-term care worker Continuing Education (CE) deadlines established in WACs 388-71-0992 and 388-112A-0613: *When must continuing education be completed when public health emergency waivers are lifted, and what continuing education credit is granted to long-term care workers employed during the pandemic?*

The department recognizes that long-term care workers may not have completed training hours in excess of the 12 hours of CE granted during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The emergency rule extends the deadline for completing CEs. This includes:

- Extending the deadline for CE that came due while training waivers were in place to August 31, 2023; and
- Extending the CE requirements that would be due between (and including) October 28, 2022, and August 31, 2023, to August 31, 2023.

Summary:

The emergency rule sets a deadline of August 31, 2023, for long-term care workers to complete the CE that came due during the waivers (outside of the 12 hours of On-the-Job training) AND gives long-term care workers until August 31, 2023, to complete CE that otherwise would be due between (and including) October 28, 2022, and August 31, 2023.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact David Chappell, Home and Community Services, at 360-725-2516 or David.Chappell@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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