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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS 388-76, 388-78A AND 388-107 WAC

Dear Provider/Administrator:

The department is proposing adding and amending sections of Chapters 388-76 (Adult family home minimum licensing requirements), 388-78A (Assisted living facility licensing rules), and 388-107 (Licensing requirements for enhanced services facilities) of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). This is in response to the emergency rules filed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting in January, 2022, emergency rules were enacted to suspend the timeline requirements for completing certain resident assessments. For more details please follow [this link](#) to the original letter notifying facilities of this change. The goal of this project is to codify the timelines of emergency rules for easier compliance and enforcement.

Recently the Department filed the CR-102, a more formal phase of the rulemaking process, with the Office of the Code Reviser. Follow this link to access the CR-102 ([WSR 23-07-076](#)) document and proposed rule language.

You may either submit comments at the public hearing listed below or in writing to the Department's Rules and Policies Assistance Unit (RPAU).

The formal hearing for the proposed rules is scheduled:

Date/Time: April 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual

Please see the [DSHS website](#) for more information. You must submit written comments by 5:00PM on April 25 to DSHS Rules coordinator/RPAU PO Box 45850 Olympia, WA 98504-5850 or by email to DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov.

For rule-making questions, please contact [Sondra Haas](#), Policy Program Manager, at (360) 688-0715.

Sincerely,

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