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**TB RULEMAKING AND COMMUNITY PARTNER ENGAGEMENT
FOR NH, AFH, ALF & ESF TO RESUME IN JULY 2024**

Dear Interested Parties:

We are excited to announce upcoming webinars for continuing community partner engagement to amend and update tuberculosis (TB) rules in long term care facility settings. The COVID-19 public health emergency impacted the progress of the rulemaking. These rules have been identified as outdated, inaccurate, and ambiguous. *We want to hear from you!*

We are looking for community partners that are interested in participating that may be impacted by this rulemaking activity and/or have an interest in TB rules in long term care facilities. This rulemaking activity will affect TB testing, monitoring, and reporting requirements for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, enhanced services facilities, and adult family homes.

The first scheduled webinar, Meeting 1, will address TB regulatory requirements in nursing homes. It will be held to review the information from previous meetings, get up to date with the most recent information, and review previous comments. Subsequent meetings are held for community long-term care facilities. Please see the schedule below for more information.

We encourage you to sign up for all sessions to help ensure consistency with rulemaking and participation.

The webinars are scheduled for the following dates and times:

- **Meeting 1:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm [Register here.](#)
Topic: Reviewing Nursing Home Tuberculosis Rules
 - Comparison of the current nursing home TB draft rules and overview of all the current amendments to date;
 - WAC 388-97-1360 through WAC 388-97-1600;
 - New Section: TB results- sharing by health care facilities; and
 - Repealed sections.
- **Meeting 2:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Register here.](#)
Topic: Reviewing Nursing Homes Tuberculosis Rules
 - Review of Nursing Home TB draft rules after feedback;
 - WAC 388-97-1360 through WAC 388-97-1600, Screening and testing;
 - New and repealed sections; and
 - Parking lot items.
- **Meeting 3:** Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Register here.](#)
Topic: Review of Tuberculosis Rules in Community Long-Term Care (LTC) Settings
 - Review the previous updates made to the TB rule drafts in adult family homes, assisted living facilities, and enhanced services facilities.

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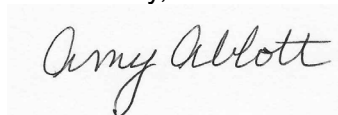
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- **Meeting 4:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Register here.](#)
Topic: Reviewing Assisted Living Facility (ALF) Tuberculosis Rules
 - Review previous edits to ALF TB rules;
 - WACs 388-78A-2480 through 388-78A-2489, Screening and testing; and
 - New and repealed sections.
- **Meeting 5:** Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Register here.](#)
Topic: Reviewing Assisted Living Facility (ALF) Tuberculosis Rules
 - WACs 388-78A-2480 through 388-78A-2489, Screening and testing;
 - New and repealed sections; and
 - Parking lot items.
- **Meeting 6:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Register here.](#)
Topic: Reviewing Adult Family Home (AFH) Tuberculosis Rules
 - Review previous edits to AFH TB rules; and
 - WACs 388-76-10265 through 388-76-10310, Screening and testing.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. To request an accommodation, email Molly McClintock, Lead Long Term Care Policy Program Manager, at RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov, with a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. In addition, include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow at least two weeks (14 days) advance notice. Last-minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill.

If you would like the most recent copy of the TB rules to review prior to Meeting 1 or have any additional questions, please reach out to Molly McClintock, Lead Long Term Care Policy Program Manager, at molly.mcclintock@dshs.wa.gov or RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Amy Abbott, Director
Residential Care Services

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Attachments:

NH CR-101 filed 8/30/2019 WSR [19-18-051](#)

ALF CR-101 filed 9/3/2019 WSR [19-18-062](#)

AFH CR-101 filed 9/3/2019 WSR [19-18-061](#)

ESF CR-101 filed 9/3/2019 WSR [19-18-059](#)