



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Home and Community Living Administration
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ALF #2025-029
ESF #2025-019
NH #2025-031

**WITHDRAWAL OF CR-101 ON DEATH WITH DIGNITY (DWD) ACT MEDICATIONS
IN LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) FACILITIES**

Dear Provider/Administrator:

This letter supersedes the following: AFH #2025-013, ALF #2025-010, ESF #2025-008, and NH #2025-016.

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) filed a CR-101 on March 29, 2023, under [WSR 23-08-038](#). The CR-101 was specific to the Death with Dignity (DWD) Act medications in long term care (LTC) facilities.

After consulting with the rulemaking petitioner, DSHS has decided to cancel rule making meetings and address the topic through the following actions.

DSHS will:

- Issue a Management Bulletin (MB) and Dear Provider Letter (DPL) to clarify regulatory guidance about provider tasks and responsibilities in relation to the DWD Act.
- Solicit ongoing input from residents, families, providers, and other interested parties to determine if additional training and/or rulemaking is necessary.
- Act as a resource for information and problem solving when questions arise.

LTC facilities and providers should forward questions, comments, and/or concerns regarding implementation of the Washington State DWD Act within LTC facilities to RCSpolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Thank you for your continued commitment to residents' health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact your local Residential Care Services (RCS) Field Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Abbott".

Amy Abbott, Director
Residential Care Services

DSHS: *"Partnering with People"*

Related Reference: [Chapter 70.245 RCW](#) – The Washington Death with Dignity Act