



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Home and Community Living Administration
4500 10th Avenue Southeast • Lacey, Washington 98503

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**CR-101 FILED TO PROPOSE AMENDING AND ADDING SECTIONS OF
CHAPTER 388-76 WAC, ADULT FAMILY HOME; CHAPTER 388-78A WAC, ASSISTED
LIVING FACILITY; CHAPTER 388-107, ENHANCED SERVICES FACILITY; AND
CHAPTER 388-97 WAC NURSING HOME LICENSING RULES**

Dear Administrator/Provider:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) is considering amending and adding sections of Chapter 388-76 WAC, Adult Family Home (AFH); Chapter 388-78A WAC, Assisted Living Facility (ALF); Chapter 388-107 WAC, Enhanced Services Facility; and Chapter 388-97 WAC, Nursing Home Licensing Rules.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to correct references of repealed codes, 246-865 WAC and 246-888, and replace with Chapter 246-945 WAC. The obsolete regulations are currently referenced in Chapters 388-76 WAC, 388-78A WAC, 388-107 WAC and 388-97 WAC. The rulemaking is also directly related to [Substitute House Bill \(SHB\) 1720](#), Expanding the types of medication assistance that may be provided to residents of community-based care settings. The amendments to Chapter 388-76 WAC, AFH and Chapter 388-78A WAC, ALF will align with the updated terminology in SHB 1720 respectively.

Examples of changes to be made:

- In Chapter 388-76 WAC, the phrase “prefilled insulin syringes” will be replaced with “setting up diabetic devices for self-administration or handling injectable medications to an individual for self-administration.”
- In Chapter 388-78A WAC, the phrase “Medication assistance which may include reminding or coaching the nonresident individual, opening the nonresident individual's medication container, using an enabler, and handing prefilled insulin syringes to the nonresident individual” will be replaced with “Medication assistance which may include reminding or coaching the nonresident individual, opening the nonresident individual's medication container, using an enabler, with setting up diabetic devices for self-administration or handling injectable medications to an individual for self-administration.”

These changes are required by state law; and necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare.

The department filed a CR-101 (a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry and the first step in the rulemaking process to develop/change a rule) with the Office of the Code Reviser on June 30, 2025, to begin the rulemaking process. The notice will be published in the Washington State Register (WSR) under [WSR 25-14-078](#). This CR-101 and related rulemaking information will be

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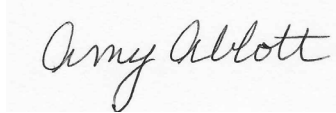
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available on the Residential Care Services rulemaking webpage [ALTSA RCS Rulemaking](#) as the rulemaking progresses.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Meyers, Nursing Home Policy Program Manager, at rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov or (360) 464-0373.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" and "B".

Amy Abbott, Director
Residential Care Services

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