



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
*Aging and Long-Term Support Administration*  
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**AL TSA: NH #2018-019**  
**CR-101 FILED TO PROPOSE ADDING & AMENDING SECTIONS**  
**TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The department will be withdrawing CR-101 under WSR #16-19-063, and refile a new CR-101 under [WSR #18-17-099](#) since the stakeholder meetings were placed on hold for over a year. The department is considering adding, repealing, or amending sections to Chapter 388-97 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) for Nursing Homes.

The CR-101 document was recently filed with the Office of the Code Reviser. A link to this document can be found on [ALTSA's Information for Nursing Home Professionals web page](#), under "NH Rule Filings".

The department's purpose in filing the CR-101 is to add, appeal or amend sections to Chapter 388-97 WAC.

- These rules have not been updated in seven or more years and are unclear, ambiguous, and inaccurate.
- These rule changes will create consistent regulations across the Residential Care Services programs.
- The rule making will be limited to the tuberculosis sections and the associated definitions.

Please check the ALTSA website often as we will be posting draft language for review and comment before filing the CR-102. For rule making questions, please contact [Jeanette K. Childress](#), Long Term Care Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-2591.

Sincerely,

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