

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES Aging and Long-Term Support Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

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ALTSA: NH #2019-002 **CR-101 RE-FILED TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS** TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC (APPEAL RIGHTS)

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The Department is adding and amending these rules as required by federal or state law or as required to maintain federally delegated or authorized programs. The original CR-101 (WSR 18-07-079) regarding these proposed changes lapsed and has been withdrawn.

The sections to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 388-97 under review will include 388-97-4425, 388-97-4430 and 388-97-4440. The purpose of these changes are to 1) Permit limited electronic delivery of documents through the federal Electronic Plan of Correction (ePOC) website, and; 2) Clarify the provider's right to appeal state citations under the state appeal process, even when the state citations are delivered through a federal website.

A link to the CR-101 document (WSR 19-03-149) can be found on ALTSA's Information for Nursing Home Professionals web page under "NH Rule Filings".

Please check the ALTSA website often for updated information about this rulemaking. For related questions, please contact Lisa Herke, Nursing Home Policy Program Manager, (509) 225-2819.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director

Residential Care Services

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