DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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ALTSA: NH #2021-041 CR-101 FILED TO CONSIDER AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 388-97 WAC, NURSING HOMES

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator and Interested Parties:

The Department of Social and Health Services (Department) is considering amending WAC 388-97-0001, Definitions; WAC 388-97-1090, Direct Care Hours; and other related rules as may be required to implement EHB 1564 (Chapter 301, Laws of 2019).

May 2021 CR-101 (WSR 20-08-101) was withdrawn and a new CR-101 (WSR 21-10-084) was filed because it had been a year since the original filing, and no progress was made. The new filing was necessary to bring the filing active once again.

CR-101 (WSR 21-10-084) was filed with the Office of the Code Reviser on May 3, 2021 to begin reactivate the rule-making process.

For questions about the rule making, including how to participate in the rule-making process, please contact <u>Sondra Silverman</u>, Policy Program Manager, <u>Sondra Silverman@dshs.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely, Mike Anbesse

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