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

March 17, 2023

**AL TSA: NH #2023-009**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC (NURSING HOMES)**

Dear Nursing Home/Facility Administrator:

The department is proposing adding and amending sections of Chapter 388-97 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). This is in response to the emergency rules filed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of this project is to codify the timelines of emergency rules for easier compliance and enforcement.

Recently the Department filed the CR-102, a more formal phase of the rulemaking process, with the Office of the Code Reviser. Links to the CR-102 (WSR 23-06-063) document and proposed rule language are available on [AL TSA's Information for Nursing Home Professionals web page](#), under "NH Rule Filings".

You may either submit comments at the public hearing listed below or in writing to the Department's rules and Policies Assistance Unit (RPAU).

The formal hearing for the proposed rules is scheduled:

Date: April 25, 2023, at 10am

Location: Virtual

Please see the [DSHS website](#) for more information. You must submit written comments by 5:00PM on April 25 to DSHS Rules coordinator/RPAU PO Box 45850 Olympia, WA 98504-5850 or by email to [DSHSRPAURulesCoodinator@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:DSHSRPAURulesCoodinator@dshs.wa.gov).

For rule-making questions, please contact [Molly McClintock](#), Policy Program Manager, at (360) 742-6966.

Sincerely,

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