

**WSR 23-16-088**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is planning to amend WAC 388-112A-0080 Who is required to complete the seventy-hour long-term care worker basic training and by when? This section relates to adult family home administrator training certification. During the course of this rule making, we may amend other related rules as required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 70.128.120, 74.39A.009, 74.39A.070, 74.39A.074, 71A.12.040.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rules on this subject are needed due to the lack of alignment between WAC 388-112A-0800 and RCW 70.128.120. Currently, WAC and the law have conflicting information related to the number of hours of training needed for required adult family home administrator training. This conflict is causing concerns during the application process.

Additionally, unlike rules for home care aide certificates of training completion, current rules do not specify a time limit for validity of adult family home administrator training certificates for the purpose of new adult family home applicants. Assuring [Ensuring] that training be reasonably current for new applicants is in the best interests of adult family home residents. Well-trained adult family home administrators are essential to the wellbeing of residents.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative. DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Dave Chappell, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600, phone 360-725-2516, TTY 1-800-833-6388, email david.chappell@dshs.wa.gov.

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