

WSR 24-05-003

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: The department of social and health services (department) is amending WAC 388-71-0523, 388-71-0836, 388-71-0837, 388-71-0839, 388-71-0875, 388-71-0880, 388-71-0888, 388-71-0893, 388-71-0975, 388-71-0977, 388-71-0980, 388-71-1001, 388-112A-0010, 388-112A-0110, 388-112A-0115, 388-115-0503, 388-115-0505, 388-115-0520, 388-115-0523, 388-115-0540 and 388-115-05410; and repealing WAC 388-112A-0130 in response to and in compliance with E2SHB 1694 (chapter 424, Laws of 2023) passed during the 2023 legislative session. The changes bring the rules into compliance with that law. Changes include the definition of "date of hire," clarification on when the date of hire may be reset, and additional family relationships related to long-term care worker training and continuing education requirements. Changes related to numerical representation, consistency, and inclusive language are also included. These rules are in place by emergency filing. When effective, this permanent adoption will supersede the emergency rules.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 388-112A-0130; and amending WAC 388-71-0523, 388-71-0836, 388-71-0837, 388-71-0839, 388-71-0875, 388-71-0880, 388-71-0888, 388-71-0893, 388-71-0975, 388-71-0977, 388-71-0980, 388-71-1001, 388-112A-0010, 388-112A-0110, 388-112A-0115, 388-115-0503, 388-115-0505, 388-115-0520, 388-115-0523, 388-115-0540, and 388-115-05410.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.88B.021, 18.88B.041, 18.88B.060, 74.08.090, 74.39A.076, and 74.39A.341.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-23-043 on November 6, 2023.

A final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting David Chappell, P.O. Box 45600, Lacey, WA 98504-5600, phone 360-735-3516, email david.chappell@dshs.wa.gov.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 21, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 21, Repealed 1.

Date Adopted: February 8, 2024.

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Reviser's note: The material contained in this filing exceeded the page-count limitations of WAC 1-21-040 for appearance in this issue of the Register. It will appear in the 24-06 issue of the Register.