

WSR 24-06-073

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 purpose of amending WAC 388-112A-0800 What is residential care administrator training?, is to align current rules with the statute. The 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. The amended rule assures [ensures] that training be reasonably current for new applicants and is in the best interests of adult family home residents. The rules on this subject are needed because the WAC and RCW 70.128.120 are conflicting due to the number of hours of training needed for required adult family home administrator training. This conflict is causing concerns during the adult family home application process.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 388-112A-0800.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 70.128.120, 71A.12.040, 74.39A.009, 74.39A.070, and 74.39A.074.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-23-143 on November 20, 2023.

A final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting David Chappell, P.O. Box 45600, Lacey, WA 98504-5600, phone 360-725-2516, 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-22-036, filed 10/24/17, effective 11/24/17)

WAC 388-112A-0800 What is residential care administrator training? (1) Residential care administrator training is specific training on the administration of the care and services required to obtain a license or manage a facility. The training covers the facility specif-

ic Washington state statutes and administrative rules related to the operation of a long-term care facility.

(2) **Adult family home (AFH) administrator training.**

(a) AFH administrator training ~~((is))~~ must be a minimum of ~~((fif-ty-four))~~ 48 hours of ~~((training))~~ instructional time taken from an approved community college on topics related to the management and licensing requirements of adult family homes described in chapter 388-76 WAC.

(b) DSHS must approve AFH administrator training curricula, instructors, and training programs in a community college setting.

(3) **Assisted living facility (ALF) administrator training.**

(a) ALF administrator training curricula must be based on the requirements described in chapter 388-78A WAC.

(b) DSHS will work with stakeholders to develop, update, and approve ALF administrator training curricula, instructors, and training programs.

(4) **Enhanced services facility (ESF) administrator training.**

(a) An ESF administrator must complete:

(i) All training as required under this chapter and chapter 388-107 WAC; and

(ii) When available, ESF administrator training developed by the department.

(b) DSHS must approve ESF administrator training, instructors, and training programs.