

**WSR 24-19-053**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amending WAC 388-880-042 Resident records—Purposes, 388-880-043 Resident records—Location and custody, 388-880-044 Resident records—Access, 388-880-150 Requests for public disclosure and 388-880-151 Requests for resident medical information; repealing WAC 388-880-045 Resident records—Retention; and possible other related sections in chapter 388-880 WAC as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 71.09.025, 71.09.050, 71.09.070, 71.09.080, 71.09.120, and 71.09.800.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department of social and health services (DSHS) recognizes these WAC have not been updated since 2013 and since then, there have been policy and RCW changes that require an update. DSHS is updating the WAC related to resident records.

Process for Developing New Rule: 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 Christina Wells, P.O. Box 88450, Steilacoom, WA 98504, phone 253-363-0274, email christina.wells2@dshs.wa.gov.

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