

WAC 388-97-0920 Participation in resident and family groups.

The department repealed this section from April 13, 2020, through May 7, 2022, in response to the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The requirements of this section were not in effect during that time.

(1) A resident has the right to organize and participate in resident groups in the nursing home.

(2) The nursing home must provide a resident or family group, if one exists, with private space.

(3) Staff or visitors may attend meetings only at the group's invitation.

(4) The nursing home must provide a designated staff individual responsible for providing assistance and responding to written requests that result from group meetings.

(5) When a resident or family group exists, the nursing home must listen to the views and act upon the grievances and recommendations of residents and families concerning proposed policy and operational decisions affecting resident care and life in the nursing home.

(6) A resident's family has the right to meet in the nursing home with the families of other residents in the facility.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.42.620 and chapter 18.51 RCW. WSR 24-07-008, § 388-97-0920, filed 3/7/24, effective 4/7/24. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-0920, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]