

**WAC 388-106-2115 Referral process.** (1) An acute care hospital may submit a referral to home and community services under the following circumstances:

(a) Acute care hospital clinicians have determined that the person likely needs a guardian or conservator;

(b) The acute care hospital has a good faith belief that the person meets the eligibility requirements to participate in the program;

(c) The acute care hospital has documented due diligence in attempting to identify a proposed guardian or conservator;

(d) The acute care hospital has submitted a long-term care medic-aid application to DSHS on behalf of the person;

(e) The acute care hospital provides complete referral documents as required by DSHS; and

(f) The acute care hospital has, or will file, a petition for guardianship or conservatorship.

(2) DSHS, in its sole discretion, and subject to available funds, may waive the requirement of subsection (f) of this section and file a petition for guardianship or conservatorship or both instead of the referring acute care hospital.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.17.060, 43.20B.030, and 74.08.090. WSR 24-16-044, § 388-106-2115, filed 7/30/24, effective 8/30/24.]