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WSR 21-21-075 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is adding news [new] sections in chapter 388-71 WAC, Home and community services and programs, and chapter 388-112A WAC, Residential long-term care services training. The department may amend other related rules as required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.520.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is considering adding four new sections in chapters 388-71 and 388-112A WAC. The intent is to require long-term care workers to complete training requirements by certain dates that would reduce the impact of clients accessing qualified long-term care workers to provide personal care services.

The department filed an emergency rule on September 22, 2021, as WSR 21-20-004.

Process for Developing New Rule: The department of social and health services (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 Angel Sulivan, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600, phone 360-725-2495, fax 360-438-8633, TTY 1-800-833-6388, email angel.sulivan@dshs.wa.gov.

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