

WAC 388-97-4400 Acceptable and unacceptable plans of correction.

(1) A plan of correction must:

(a) Address how corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice;

(b) Address how the nursing home will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice;

(c) Address what measures will be put into place or systemic changes made to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur;

(d) Indicate how the nursing home plans to monitor its performance to make sure that solutions are sustained, including how the plan of correction will be integrated into the nursing home's quality assurance system;

(e) Give the title of the person who is responsible for assuring lasting correction; and

(f) Give the date by which the correction will be made.

(2) The department will review the nursing home's plan of correction to determine whether it is acceptable.

(3) When deficiencies involve nursing home alterations, physical plant plan development, construction review, or other circumstances where extended time to complete correction may be required, the department's designated local aging and disability services administration field office or other department designee may accept a plan of correction as evidence of substantial compliance under the following circumstances:

(a) The plan of correction must include the steps that the nursing home needs to take, the time schedule for completion of the steps, and concrete evidence that the plan will be carried out as scheduled; and

(b) The nursing home must submit progress reports and/or updated plans to the department in accordance with a schedule specified by department.

(c) The department's acceptance of a plan of correction is solely at the department's discretion and does not rule out the imposition of optional remedies.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-4400, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]