

WSR 21-01-121  
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 planning to amend WAC 388-71-0975 Who is required to obtain certification as a home care aide, and when?, and other related rules as may be required.

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

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is planning to amend WAC 388-71-0975 to clarify how to interpret the long term care worker qualifications and requirements in statute and rule that have specific time periods for compliance when there has been a period of time in which the underlying requirements were suspended and waived in whole or part by emergency proclamation by the governor.

The department filed an emergency rule for WAC 388-71-0975 as WSR 21-01-018 on December 3, 2020.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: The department of social and health services (DSHS) welcomes the public to take part in the developing these 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 Sullivan, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600, phone 360-725-2495, fax 360-438-8633, TTY 1-800-833-8633, email angel.sullivan@dshs.wa.gov.

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