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EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)
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Effective Date of Rule: July 23, 2023.

Purpose: The department is amending sections of chapters 388-71, 388-112A, and 388-115 WAC in response to, and in compliance with, E2SHB 1694 passed during the 2023 legislative session. Changes included the definition of "date of hire," clarification on when the date of hire may be reset, and additional family relationships related to long-term care worker training and continuing education requirements. Changes related to numerical representation, consistency, and inclusive language are also included.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 388-71-0838; and amending WAC 388-71-0523, 388-71-0836, 388-71-0837, 388-71-0839, 388-71-0875, 388-71-0880, 388-71-0888, 388-71-0893, 388-71-0975, 388-71-0977, 388-71-0980, 388-71-1001, 388-112A-0010, 388-112A-0110, 388-112A-0115, 388-112A-0130, 388-115-0503, 388-115-0505, 388-115-0520, 388-115-0523, 388-115-0540, and 388-115-05410.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.88B.010, 18.88B.021, 18.88B.041, 74.08.090, 74.39A.076, and 74.39A.341.

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds that immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.

Reasons for this Finding: Emergency rules are necessary because there is insufficient time to put permanent rules in place before the changes in law go into effect on July 23, 2023. Permanent rules are also in process.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 1, Amended 16, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 2, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 5, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: July 21, 2023.

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