

WSR 24-08-069

EXPEDITED RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)

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Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: The department of social and health services (DSHS) intends to repeal WAC 388-71-0876, 388-71-0992, 388-112A-0081, and 388-112A-0613.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The purpose is to remove the COVID-19 training and continuing education extension rules that are no longer necessary.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: WAC 388-71-0876, 388-71-0992, 388-112A-0081, and 388-112A-0613 were put in place for the sole purpose of extending training deadlines during the COVID-19 emergency. The extended deadlines for both training and continuing education have passed, and certification deadlines are now set through rule by the department of health. RCW 74.39A.074 (6) (a) and 74.39A.341 (6) (a) require that the rules allowing extension of training deadlines be repealed when no longer necessary.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.520, 74.39A.074, and 74.39A.341.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 74.39A.074 (6) (a) and 74.39A.341 (6) (a).

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: David Chappell, DSHS, aging and long-term support administration (ALTSA), home and community services, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting and Implementation: David Chappell, ALTSA Headquarters, Blake East, 360-725-2516.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited repeal process for these rules:

The rule is no longer necessary because of changed circumstances.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: The extended deadlines for both training and continuing education have passed, and since certification deadlines are now set through rule by the department of health, the rules listed above are no longer necessary. Removal of the COVID[-19] training extension rules when no longer necessary is required by law under RCW 74.39A.074 (6) (a) and 74.39A.341 (6) (a).

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Rules Coordinator, DSHS, P.O. Box 45850, Olympia, WA 98504-5850, phone 360-664-6097, fax 360-664-6185, email DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov, AND RECEIVED BY 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2024.

April 2, 2024  
Katherine I. Vasquez

**SHS-5027.1**REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

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| WAC 388-71-0876   | When must long-term care workers who were working or hired during the COVID-19 public health emergency complete training, including required specialty training?                                     |
| WAC 388-71-0992   | When must continuing education be completed when public health emergency waivers are lifted, and what continuing education credit is granted to long-term care workers employed during the pandemic? |
| WAC 388-112A-0081 | When must long-term care workers who were working or hired during the COVID-19 public health emergency complete training, including required specialty training?                                     |
| WAC 388-112A-0613 | When must continuing education be completed when public health emergency waivers are lifted, and what continuing education credit is granted to long-term care workers employed during the pandemic? |