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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: WAC 388-96-809 Change of ownership—Final reports—Settlement securities, and other related rules as may be necessary.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.46.800.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is interested in streamlining the change of ownership process for medicaid nursing facility providers. This will also help to continue aligning the state's change of ownership process with federal regulations regarding sales of medicaid facilities.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: 42 C.F.R. § 442.14 Effect of Change of Ownership. Federal rule supersedes any state law or regulation. This rule change is to ensure the state process is in alignment with federal language and intent.

Process for Developing New Rule: 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 Elizabeth Pashley, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98503, phone 360-995-2807, fax 360-725-2641, TTY 360-493-2637, email Elizabeth.Pashley@dshs.wa.gov, website Office of Rates <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/management-services-division/office-rates-management> Management | DSHS (wa.gov).

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