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PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Home and Community Living Administration)

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: Resident protection program WAC are no longer in use.

The responsibility for investigation of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation allegations against a nursing home resident by an individual transitioned from residential care services to adult protective services. As a result, the WAC listed below are being repealed.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC

388-97-0660, 388-97-0680, 388-97-0700, 388-97-0720, 388-97-0725, 388-97-0740, 388-97-0760, 388-97-0780, 388-97-0800, 388-97-0820, and 388-97-0840.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 34.05.353 (2)(d) and 74.42.620.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-22-107 on November 2 [5], 2025.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 11.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 11.

Date Adopted: January 20, 2026.

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SHS-5108.1REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

WAC 388-97-0660	Resident protection program definition.
WAC 388-97-0680	Investigation of mandated reports.
WAC 388-97-0700	Preliminary finding.
WAC 388-97-0720	Notice to individual of preliminary findings.
WAC 388-97-0725	Notice to others of preliminary findings.

WAC 388-97-0740	Disputing a preliminary finding.
WAC 388-97-0760	Hearing procedures to dispute preliminary finding.
WAC 388-97-0780	Finalizing the preliminary finding.
WAC 388-97-0800	Reporting final findings.
WAC 388-97-0820	Appeal of administrative law judge's initial order or finding.
WAC 388-97-0840	Disclosure of investigative and finding information.