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PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Home and Community Living Administration)

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Purpose: The adopted rules implement sections of SHB 1218, chapter 159, Laws [of 2021], which requires facilities to create and regularly maintain a resident roster, complete contact information, and respond to requests from the long-term care ombuds within specified time frames; and requires facilities to post stop placement orders in a conspicuous place.

Replaces "his or her" with gender-neutral terms, and defines "resident representative" (applied in this rule making to adult family homes, nursing homes, and enhanced services facilities, which do not currently have a statutory definition).

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 388-76-10231, 388-97-1645, and 388-107-0565; and amending WAC 388-76-10000, 388-76-10320, 388-76-10980, 388-78A-2020, 388-78A-2410, 388-78A-2440, 388-78A-3200, 388-97-0001, 388-97-0240, 388-97-0260, 388-97-0280, 388-97-0300, 388-97-0340, 388-97-0360, 388-97-0420, 388-97-0480, 388-97-0580, 388-97-0860, 388-97-0880, 388-97-0900, 388-97-1720, 388-97-4540, 388-107-0001, 388-107-0560, and 388-107-1430.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.20.090, 18.51.070, 70.97.230, 70.128.040, and chapters 70.129 and 74.42 RCW.

Other Authority: Chapter 74.39 RCW.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-24-032 on November 25, 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 3, Amended 25, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 1, Amended 3, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 2, Amended 22, Repealed 0.

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