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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Home and Community Living Administration)

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of social and health services (department) is considering amending sections in chapter 388-101 WAC, Certified community residential services and supports, related to certification evaluation time frames, updating notice to include electronic transmission, and requiring notification for voluntary termination of certification. This rule making may result in adopting new sections of rule. The department may amend other related rules as necessary.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 34.05.322 and 71A.12.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: This rule-making project will reestablish time frames for certification evaluations to ensure residential care services can coordinate visits with other agencies as required. This rule-making project will include updating language concerning electronic transmissions of notices and require communication with the department when providers choose to voluntarily terminate certification.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Department of social and health services, developmental disabilities administration.

Process for Developing New Rule: The department will use a collaborative rule-making process to develop and receive comments on draft rules. Contact the staff listed below to receive draft materials and information about how to participate in the rule-making process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jennifer Burk, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600, TTY 711 relay service, email jennifer.burk2@dshs.wa.gov.

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