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NURSING HOME GUIDELINES (AKA "THE PURPLE BOOK")

Dear Nursing Home Administrator and/or Interested Parties:

The Nursing Home Guidelines book (AKA "The Purple Book") is a guideline Nursing Homes can use for the prevention, identification, investigation, and reporting of abuse and neglect of residents. Over the years, sections of the "The Purple Book" have become outdated, contradictory, and/or no longer applicable.

In the Fall of 2014, a workgroup convened with the goal of revising and updating "The Purple Book." The workgroup consisted of both Residential Care Service (RCS) representatives, as well as stakeholders. The workgroup has completed the revisions and is pleased to announce the release of the Sixth Edition of "The Purple Book."

The latest edition of "The Purple Book" can be found the ALTSA website at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/ALTSA/rcs/documents/purplebook.pdf>.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of nursing home residents. If you have any questions, please contact your local Field Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Candace Goehring".

Candace Goehring, Director
Residential Care Services

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