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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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AL TSA: NH #2019-012
CR-101 RE-FILED TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS
TO CHAPTER 388-97 WAC (GERIATRIC SPECIALTY TRAINING

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The Department is adding and amending these rules as required by federal or state law or required to maintain federally delegated or authorized programs; and to assure compliance with requirements from the 2016-2017 passed legislation for ESHB 1548 and the 2019 passed legislation for HB 1349.

CR-101 (WSR 19-03-167), originally filed to make these proposed changes, was withdrawn in order to re-file with an amended scope to accommodate recently passed legislation.

CR-101 (WSR 19-12-109) was filed on June 5, 2019. A link to the CR-101 document ([WSR 19-12-109](#)) is available on AL TSA's [Information for Nursing Home Professionals web page](#), under "NH Rule Filings."

The sections to WAC 388-97 under review will include 388-97-1090, to update staff training requirements related to geriatric behavioral health workers.

Please check the AL TSA website often for updated information about the CR-101 filing. For rule making questions, please contact [Lisa Herke](#), Nursing Home Policy Program Manager, (509) 225-2819.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director
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