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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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CR-103P NURSING HOME RULE FILING

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

This message is to announce the filing of a CR-103P (Permanent Rule) amending Chapter 388-97 WAC of the nursing home licensing rules. The Department is amending these rules as required to respond to changes in federal and state processes.

The department held a public hearing on August 6, 2019, and received no comments.

The department filed the CR-103P permanent rules ([WSR 19-21-006](#)) on October 3, 2019. The permanent rule will become effective on November 3, 2019. The permanent rule will not appear online for at least two weeks after the full text of the rule is published in the Washington State Register.

The scope of changes in rulemaking was to clarify notices can be delivered and proof of service can be obtained electronically through the federal website and also clarify the nursing home's right to appeal WAC deficient findings under the state appeal process, regardless of the delivery method of the deficiency report.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Herke, Nursing Home Policy Unit Manager, at (509) 225-2819 or lisa.herke@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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