



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration

Subject of possible rule making: The department is planning to add new sections and amend existing sections in chapter 388-97 WAC "Nursing Homes", including WAC 388-97-1090 "Direct care hours" and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 74.42.620 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department is amending WAC 388-97-1090 and other related rules as may be required to implement ESHB 1548 and HB 1349. ESHB 1548 requires the department to establish rules that allow a geriatric behavioral health worker to be recognized in the minimum staffing requirement as part of the direct care service delivery. ESHB 1548 requires these rules include standards or requirements for work skills, work experience, training and supervision. HB 1349, passed after ESHB 1548, alters the definition of geriatric behavioral health worker and re-defines the standards or requirements for training and work experience.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) DSHS invites the public to review and provide input on the draft language in this rule. Draft material and information about how to participate may be obtained from the department representative listed below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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