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**CR-103E FILED TO EXTEND EMERGENCY RULES AMENDING OR SUSPENDING SOME  
NURSING HOME REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PASRR AND RESIDENT GROUPS**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) filed emergency rules on April 13, 2020, for some nursing home requirements. The rules were amended and temporarily repealed in response to the significant threat of COVID-19. The rules were consecutively extended with the last extension (WSR 21-11-08) expiring on September 7, 2021.

The department filed an extension of the emergency rule with an effective date of September 7, 2021 ([WSR 21-18-065](#)), due to expire on December 24, 2021. These rules are related to pre-admission screening and resident review (PASRR), and participation in resident and family groups.

The following rules were amended and temporarily repealed:

- WAC 388-97-1915 and -1975: Emergency rules permit the level I PASRR screening, and if needed, the level II evaluation to occur up to 30 days after admission.
- WAC 388-97-0920: Emergency rules are maintained, which is related to resident and family groups.

The department filed a CR-101 on August 5, 2020 to begin permanent rule making on WACs 388-97-1915, -1975, and -0920. The CR-101 document is available on Aging and Long Term Support Administration's (ALTSA) Information for [Nursing Home Professionals](#) web page, under "NH Rule Filings." The department remains in discussion about adding language to the rules to explain the circumstances and times under which suspension of the rules was necessary due to COVID-19.

If you have any questions, please contact Molly McClintock, Nursing Home Policy Program Manager, at (360) 742-6966 or [molly.mcclintock@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:molly.mcclintock@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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