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**UPDATES TO INTERESTED PARTIES' MEETINGS AMENDING RULES TO IMPLEMENT
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1218**

Dear Provider/Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (Department) is halfway through the interested parties' meetings related to Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1218. There are three remaining meetings scheduled to revisit topics requiring additional attention, as well as continuing to cover topics addressed in the bill. Don't miss out!

Please use the links below to register for the remaining meetings:

[Session #5: Wednesday, September 18 from 1:30 – 3:30pm](#)

[Session #6: Wednesday, October 16 from 1:30 – 3:30pm](#)

The Department is considering amending Chapters 388-76, 388-78A, 388-97, and 388-101 WAC as may be required to implement sections 1-18 and 20-29 of [Substitute House Bill \(SHB\) 1218 \(Chapter 159, Laws of 2021\)](#). The rulemaking will affect disaster preparedness requirements for adult family homes, assisted living facilities, enhanced services facilities, and nursing homes.

The first rulemaking project filed under [WSR 22-04-046](#) on January 26, 2022, addressed the following subjects:

- Adopt requirements for providers to publicly post stop placement orders.
- Adopt requirements for provider to create and maintain resident rosters as well as responding to requests from ombuds for roster information.
- Incorporate new definition of resident representative.
- Replace the phrase "his or her" with appropriate gender-neutral terms.

The second rulemaking project filed under [WSR 22-04-047](#) on January 26, 2022, addressed the following subjects:

- Facility communication system, resident access to communications, and facility responsiveness to outside communications.
- Comprehensive disaster preparedness plans, and related policies and procedures, and equipment for a range of potential hazards, emergencies, and disasters.
- Visitation of essential support persons.
- Resident's rights to a safe and healthy environment.

Please check the ALTSA website for information about the CR-101 filing.

For rule making questions, please contact Amy Grimsley, Disaster Preparedness Policy Program Manager at amy.grimsley@dshs.wa.gov, or (360) 725-2488; **OR**


Interested parties can find meeting time and platform information by emailing the RCS Policy inbox at rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Abbott, Director
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