



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
Division of Residential Care Services
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Nola Davis, Executive Director
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5520 Bridgeport Way W.
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Dear Ms. Davis:

Residential Care Services (RCS) recently received your request for exception to WAC 388-97-1080(3), which indicates a large non-essential facility must have a registered nurse (RN) on duty directly supervising care twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

After reviewing the supporting material you provided, RCS is approving your request for exception to this rule. This exception is effective October 21, 2016, and will remain in effect for one year, expiring on October 21, 2017. If you still have not attained 24 hour RN coverage by the expiration date, you will need to send in a new request for exception with supporting evidence of efforts taken to hire RN staff.

As a reminder this exception covers the actual requirement of an RN being present 24/7. The care being provided by your facility should continue to match information on paper and electronic sources as an accurate reflection of your actual levels of nursing care, assessment ability and availability to meet the care needs of your residents.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Charles Demler, Nursing Home Policy Manager, at demlecs@dshs.wa.gov or (360)725-2581.

Sincerely,


Candace Goehring, Director
Residential Care Services

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