Training and home care aide certification requirements.

(1) Under RCW 18.88B.041 and chapter 246-980 WAC, certain individuals including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants, or persons who are in an approved certified nursing assistant program are exempt from long-term care worker training requirements.

(2) Continuing education requirements are outlined in chapter 388-112A WAC; registered nurses and licensed practical nurses are exempt from the long-term care worker continuing education requirement.

(3) The enhanced services facility must ensure staff persons meet training requirements in effect on the date hired, including requirements described in chapter 388-112A WAC, unless exempt under RCW 18.88B.041.

(4) The enhanced services facility must ensure all enhanced services facility administrators, or their designees, and caregivers who are not exempt under subsection (1) of this section meet the long-term care worker training requirements of chapter 388-112A WAC, including but not limited to:
   (a) Orientation and safety;
   (b) Basic training;
   (c) Specialty for dementia and, mental illness and/or developmental disabilities when serving residents with any of those primary special needs;
   (d) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid; and
   (e) Continuing education.

(5) The enhanced services facility must ensure that all staff receives appropriate training and orientation to perform their specific job duties and responsibilities.

(6) The enhanced services facility must ensure the following staff obtains home care aide certification, unless exempt under WAC 246-980-070:
   (a) All long-term care workers, within two hundred days of hire;
   (b) All enhanced services facility applicants, before licensure;
   (c) All enhanced services facility administrators within two hundred days of hire, and
   (d) Any other staff who will provide direct care and services to residents.

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