

WAC 388-97-0320 Notification of changes. (1) A nursing home must immediately inform the resident, consult with the resident's physician, and if known, notify the resident's surrogate decision maker, and when appropriate, with resident consent, interested family member(s) when there is:

(a) An accident involving the resident which results in injury and has the potential for requiring physician intervention;

(b) A significant change in the resident's physical, mental, or psychosocial status (i.e., a deterioration in health, mental, or psychological status in either life-threatening conditions or clinical complications); refer to WAC 388-97-0240;

(c) A need to alter treatment significantly (i.e., a need to discontinue an existing form of treatment due to adverse consequences, or to commence a new form of treatment); or

(d) A decision to transfer or discharge the resident from the facility.

(2) The nursing home must also promptly notify the resident and, if known, the resident's surrogate decision maker, and when appropriate, with the resident's consent, interested family member(s) when there is:

(a) A change in room or roommate assignment, refer to the timing requirements in WAC 388-97-0580; or

(b) A change in resident rights under federal or state law or regulations as specified in WAC 388-97-0300.

(3) The nursing home must record and periodically update the address and phone number of the resident's legal surrogate decision maker and interested family member(s).

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-0320, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]