

**WAC 388-97-4540 Stop placement.** (1) The department must impose a stop placement order when required by RCW 18.51.060 (5)(a) and WAC 388-97-4460(1) and may impose a stop placement order as an optional remedy in accordance with WAC 388-97-4480. The department's stop placement order becomes effective upon verbal or written notice.

(2) The nursing home must:

(a) Publicly post any department issued notice of a stop placement order or limited stop placement order in a location visible to residents, visitors, and staff within the assisted living facility; and

(b) Leave the notice in place until the department has terminated the stop placement order or limited stop placement order.

(3) The nursing home has the right to an informal department review to refute the federal or state deficiencies, or both, cited as the basis for the stop placement and must request such review in accordance with WAC 388-97-4420(3).

(4) The department will not delay or suspend a stop placement order because the nursing home requests an administrative hearing or informal department review.

(5) The stop placement order must remain in effect until:

(a) The department terminates the stop placement order; or

(b) The stop placement order is terminated by a final agency order following appeal conducted in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW.

(6) The department must terminate the stop placement when:

(a) The nursing home states in writing that the deficiencies necessitating the stop placement action have been corrected; and

(b) Within 15 working days of the nursing home's notification, department staff confirm by on-site revisit of the nursing home that:

(i) The deficiencies that necessitated the stop placement action have been corrected; and

(ii) The nursing home exhibits the capacity to maintain adequate care and services and correction of deficiencies.

(7) After lifting the stop placement, the department may continue to perform on site monitoring to verify that the nursing home has maintained correction of deficiencies.

(8) While a stop placement order is in effect, the department may approve a readmission to the nursing home from the hospital in accordance with RCW 18.51.060 (5)(b) and department guidelines for readmission decisions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.20.090, 18.51.070, 70.97.230, 70.128.040, chapters 70.129, 74.42, and 74.39 RCW. WSR 26-05-046, s 388-97-4540, filed 2/12/26, effective 3/15/26. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-4540, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]