



In-Depth

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A weekly broadcast of fiscal, policy and regulatory news & analysis as it affects providers of senior housing, care and services.

Top Stories

“Gen Silent” Now Streaming Free Through Jan. 8

Synopsis – Gen Silent is the new LGBT documentary from award-winning director and documentary filmmaker Stu Maddux (Bob and Jack’s 52-Year Adventure, Trip to Hell and Back) that asks six LGBT seniors if they will hide their lives to survive.

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Another Delay For Display Of NLRB/Employee Rights Poster

Just when you thought you had it right...a second delay in the effective date of this federal rule has just been announced.

If and when the new rule is eventually implemented, all employers under NLRB jurisdiction will be required to display the [notice](#) -- even if they’re not unionized. When the Board announced the first postponement, it said it had received queries indicating uncertainty about which businesses fall under NLRB jurisdiction. The Board said most private-sector employers would be covered.

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Minimum Wage Now \$9.04

Caution: 2012 Unemployment Tax Rate To Drop Overall, But Some Employers Will Not See One

From the Governor's office on 12/1/11 comes this news:

"Eighty-eight percent of Washington's businesses will pay a lower unemployment tax rate in 2012 than they pay today. This decrease will save businesses an estimated \$207 million in 2012 – in addition to \$300 million in 2011 savings. Overall workers' compensation insurance rates will not increase, which will save businesses an estimated \$150 million in 2012." *An important caution, however...*

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NH Cost Report Info For 2012

The following is a reminder for nursing homes to start gathering/coding to appropriate accounts and have proper detail for 2012. This is **NOT** required for the 2011 Cost Report, but **IS** required for 2012.

Documents are available online at: <http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/rates/> and <http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/rates/costreports.htm>

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For assistance, contact [Julie Martin](#).

State News

DSHS Files Rules To Eliminate Adult Day Health Program

DSHS, under budget cutting measures, has initiated rulemaking which will de-fund in its entirety the Medicaid Adult Day Health program in the state of Washington.

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FBI Background Checks – DSHS Forms, Etc.

Please review the following information and resources, as all new direct-care hires (on or after January 2, 2012) in your boarding home, adult family home and home care and home health will be required to undergo FBI fingerprint background checks. Per current law, the state is required to bear this cost.

For assistance, please contact [Julie Martin](#).

The Background Check Process & Necessary Forms for January 2012:

<http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/training/1163/fingerprint.htm>

Turn-around schedule for background check processing:

<http://dshs.wa.gov/BCCU/bccuturnaroundtime.shtml>

(Online!) Order Form for FBI Fingerprint Background Checks:

http://www.dshs.wa.gov/word/ms/forms/27_059.doc

News Briefs

**Call in Tuesday, January 10th! AL Inspection Trends * January 10th @ 2 p.m.
* Facilitated by Bonnie Blachly * RSVP TODAY!**

Contact [Cassi Meritt](#) for registration information.

**Call in Tuesday, January 10th! SNF Survey Trends * January 10th, 10:00 a.m.
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CCRC Study: A Survey Of Family Members

After more than a year's worth of research and planning, Ziegler, Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging, and Brecht Associates, Inc., are pleased to release the *National Survey of Family Members of Residents Living in CCRCs*.

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Should you have questions, comments or would like assistance with any of the issues discussed in this email, please contact Julie Martin, Director of Senior Living & Community Services at jmartin@agingwa.org

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