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Nursing Home Bed Tax Increasing March 1

The [Safety Net Assessment](#) is increasing beginning March 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Per the Department of Social and Health Services, the notification linked above outlines the three changes concerning the Safety Net Assessment (SNA) imposed on licensed nursing facilities. The report form can be found here: [Excel Worksheet](#)

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New Definition of Income a Concern for HUD Program Affordability

Proposed language within the Section 8 reform legislation, the Affordable Housing and Self-Sufficiency Improvement Act of 2012 (AHSSIA), includes a new definition of income for eligibility for seniors, raising the standard deduction for seniors from \$400 to \$525.

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State News

This Week In Olympia - Feb. 17, 2012 Legislative Update Posted Online

[Read the issue](#) published on the Aging Services of Washington website.

CMS Issues Guidelines for NH Civil Monetary Fine Disputes

Called Independent Informal Dispute Resolutions (IIDRs), this process is designed as a method by which a nursing home may protest the imposition of federal (CMS-imposed) civil monetary penalties. CMS has recently issued implementary guidelines to state survey agencies to ensure

compliance.

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Interpreter Services RFP Posted

The procural of interpreter services for Health Care Authority- and DSHS- covered appointments, via an RFP, is underway. Services are expected to begin mid-June 2012 and will include all counties in the state.

For more information, the RFP can be found on the [HCA](#) website.

Washington State Housing Authorities Receive \$26.6 M

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan recently awarded nearly \$1.8 billion to public housing authorities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The funds will allow these agencies to make major large-scale improvements to their public housing units. [View funding by public housing authority here.](#)

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Federal News

Pilot Program to Accelerate Tax Credit Financing

In launching this pilot program in Chicago, Detroit, Boston, and Los Angeles, FHA's Office of Multifamily Housing Programs believes it can cut the time needed to review and approve financing applications for LIHTC-assisted transactions from approximately one year to just 90 – 120 days. The Hubs will process LIHTC loans for all of their related program centers.

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