

**WAC 388-97-4440 Appeal rights.** (1) The appeal rights in this section apply to any appealable action taken by the department under chapters 18.51, 74.42 and 74.39A RCW. Notice and appeal requirements for resident protection program findings are described in WAC 388-97-0720 and 388-97-0740.

(2) The following actions may be appealed:

(a) Imposition of a penalty under RCW 18.51.060 or 74.42.580;

(b) A denial of a license under RCW 18.51.054, a license suspension under RCW 18.51.067 or a condition on a license under RCW 74.39A.050; or

(c) Deficiencies cited on the state survey report and any other deficiencies cited under state law.

(3) The appeal process will be governed by the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW), RCW 18.51.065 and 74.42.580, chapter 388-02 WAC and this chapter. If there is a conflict between chapter 388-02 WAC and this chapter, this chapter will govern.

(4) The purpose of an administrative hearing will be to review actions taken by the department under chapters 18.51, 74.42 or 74.39A RCW, and under this chapter.

(5) The office of administrative hearings must receive an administrative hearing request from the applicant, licensee, or nursing home within twenty days of receipt of written notification of the department's action listed in subsection (2) of this section. Further information about administrative hearings is available in chapter 388-02 WAC and at the office of administrative hearings (OAH) website: [www.oah.wa.gov](http://www.oah.wa.gov).

(6) Orders of the department imposing a stop placement, license suspension, emergency closure, emergency transfer of residents, temporary management, or conditions on a license are effective immediately upon verbal or written notice and must remain in effect until they are rescinded by the department or through the state administrative appeals process.

(7) Federal deficiencies cited on the federal survey report may not be appealed through the state administrative appeals process. If a federal remedy is imposed, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will notify the nursing facility of appeal rights under the federal administrative appeals process.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.42.620. WSR 19-21-006, § 388-97-4440, filed 10/3/19, effective 11/3/19. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW. WSR 10-02-021, § 388-97-4440, filed 12/29/09, effective 1/29/10. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-4440, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]