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Brief Description: Revising nursing home enforcement.

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Requires the department to identify factors to be considered in selecting the appropriate remedy to apply to a nursing home that has not complied with the licensing requirements under this chapter or chapter 74.42 RCW. In identifying the factors to be used in selecting an appropriate remedy, the department shall use a scope and severity method and assign the cited deficiencies to the appropriate category based on the scope and severity of a deficiency.

Provides that the scope and severity factors identified by the department shall not exceed the federal factors for determining scope and severity of deficiencies cited under 1919(h) and 1819(h) of the federal social security act and 42 C.F.R. 488.404, as existing on January 1, 2003.

Provides that, based on the determination of the scope and severity of the deficiency citation, the department shall apply penalties to the nursing home, as specified in RCW 18.51.060.