

Resuming Fingerprint Requirements for Providers

Dear Provider/Administrator:

This letter is to remind DDA service providers to complete all pending fingerprints. This became effective May 1, 2022.

Due to the public health emergency, Governor Inslee issued a proclamation temporarily waiving fingerprint checks for providers. In addition, during the height of the pandemic, some fingerprinting locations were closed or had reduced hours.

Most fingerprinting sites have been open and can safely meet the needs of providers.

Emergency WAC 388-06-0550 became effective May 1, 2022, resuming the fingerprint requirement for current providers who began working anytime between Nov. 1, 2019, and April 30, 2022.

- Current providers and staff with pending fingerprints have 120-days to obtain non-disqualifying fingerprint results from the Background Check Central Unit. These providers and staff must have non-disqualifying results dated no later than Aug. 28, 2022.
- New providers hired on or after May 1, 2022, have 120 days from the date they begin providing care to get their fingerprint results from BCCU.
- **We are asking all new providers have a fingerprint appointment scheduled before providing care, per current [WAC 388-113-0109](#) and emergency [WAC 388-06-0525](#). This requirement has been in place in [chapter 388-113 WAC](#), but not previously enforced because of the proclamation suspending fingerprint checks.**

Putting an emergency WAC into place prior to the end of the proclamation prevents future capacity issues by decreasing the backlog. **If your Background Check System account has pending fingerprints for staff who are not current employees, please check archive box on these records in the Background Check System to remove them from pending fingerprint status.**

If you have any questions or would like to report feedback or updates please contact Chris Cornell, Background Check Project Manager, at 360-485-7436 or chris.cornell@dshs.wa.gov