

**RCW 74.41.050 Family caregiver long-term care information and support services—Respite services, evaluation of need, caregiver abilities.** The department shall contract with area agencies on aging or other appropriate agencies to conduct family caregiver long-term care information and support services to the extent of available funding. The responsibilities of the agencies shall include but not be limited to: (1) Administering a program of family caregiver long-term care information and support services; (2) negotiating rates of payment, administering sliding-fee scales to enable eligible participants to participate in paying for respite care, and arranging for respite care information, training, and other support services; and (3) developing an evidence-based tailored caregiver assessment and referral tool. In evaluating the need for respite services, consideration shall be given to the mental and physical ability of the caregiver to perform necessary caregiver functions. [2008 c 146 s 4; 2000 c 207 s 4; 1989 c 427 s 8; 1987 c 409 s 4; 1984 c 158 s 5.]

**Findings—Intent—Severability—2008 c 146:** See notes following RCW 74.41.040.

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