WAC 365-18-049- LTC Ombuds Conflicts of Interest

Ombuds must be free of the following conflicts of interest:

Ombuds cannot be employed by, manage, or work as a paid consultant or independent contractor for a long-term care facility or service, currently or within the last year.

Ombuds cannot have a direct involvement in the licensing or regulation of a long-term care facility or long-term care service, while certified as an Ombuds or within the last year.

Ombuds cannot solicit or receive gifts, money or estate property from a resident, unless the resident is a relative.

Ombuds cannot be assigned to a long-term care facility in which the Ombuds or a member of his/her immediate family is a resident.

A Volunteer Ombuds shall not use this position for any financial benefit, direct, indirect, or implied.

A Volunteer Ombuds shall not conduct or engage in political or religious activities at the long-term care facility to which she/he is assigned.

Ombuds cannot have direct personal involvement in the provision of involuntary services or involuntary commitment of a resident.