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Proposed changes

We support the proposed changes with the following caveats/comments:

1) 72 hour time limit for entering data should be on HERS tested items only and should NOT apply to installer verifications which the rater may complete. This is due to the fact that much of this information is gained over a course of time, and some of the information gathering takes place off-site. Plus, multiple visits may be required.

2) New training requirements should be implemented into the provider's already existing program to promote uniformity rather than on an individual company level. The tools already in place only need some minor tweaking.

3) I would suggest an outreach program directly to contractors/installers/builders so that they are made aware of what is to come. Ultimately, that responsibility falls on the enforcement agency to educate them.

4) I like the idea of updating the HERS Rater name to be more clear and more concise as to what our role actually is. Other naming ideas:

- Diagnostic Efficiency Tester
- Energy Auditor
- Efficiency Rater
- Compliance Assessor
- Energy Code Compliance Investigator (or reviewer)

5) We vote that the homeowner be required to register with the Providers in order to have direct access to review/sign any memos. This is the most cost-efficient method that requires the least amount of change. Paperless is less time-consuming than delivering hard copy reports with generalized templates.