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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Home and Community Living Administration
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HCLA: AFH #2026-024
Interested Parties Rulemaking Meeting Notice: AFH Discharge Notice/Background Checks/Windows

We want to hear from you!

We recently notified you of a new rulemaking project in Provider Letter (AFH 026-023). Learn about amendments to Chapter 388-76 WAC the Department of Social and Health Services Residential Care Services (RCS) Division is considering.

We will share information about the project and review draft rule text updates. Participants will have the opportunity to provide comments and ask questions.

The department is considering amending rules as follows:

- Remove the background check requirement for spouses and domestic partners of entity representatives with no ownership interest in the business who do not live in the home.
- Clarify the background check requirements in WAC 388-76-10161 for household members.
- Update WAC 388-76-10616 for alignment with statute, as requested by petition.
- Update WAC 388-76-10795 related to resident bedroom windows and emergency escape access in new AFHs.

Interested Parties Meetings:

- **Thursday July 9, 2026, 9:00am-10:30am Click here to register**
  Meeting 1:
  - Background
  - Purpose
  - Scope
  - Draft rule text review and comments

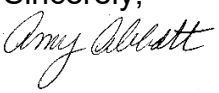
- **Tuesday July 28, 2026, 9:00am- 10:30am Click here to register**
  Meeting 2:
  - Background
  - Purpose
  - Scope
  - Draft rule text review of updates made since meeting #1

We are looking for **external participants** who are interested in participating in this rulemaking project. Internal staff will coordinate with their leadership to provide any feedback on rulemaking

projects during our internal review process. This rulemaking will affect rules for adult family homes.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow at least two weeks (14 days) advance notice. Last-minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill. Send an email to RcsPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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