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Residential Care Services • PO BOX 45600 • Olympia, WA

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HCLA: AFH #2026-043
Proposed Amendments to WAC 388-76-10037 License Requirements-Multiple Adult Family Homes-Additional Homes

Dear Provider/Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services (the department) is proposing amending WAC 388-76-10037 License requirements—Multiple adult family homes—Additional homes to clarify language to help providers comply with the rules and align the rules with RCW and department practice.

The proposed change to the chapter adds a definition for the term "operator" in WAC 388-76-10037 to clarify when the department may accept and process an application for an additional adult family home license.

Recently the department filed the CR-102, a more formal phase of the rulemaking process, with the Office of the Code Reviser. Links to the CR-102 (WSR 26-20-056) document and proposed rule language are available on the department's website.

You may either submit comments at the public hearing listed below or in writing to the Department's Rules and Policies Assistance Unit (RPAU).

The formal hearing for the proposed rules is scheduled:
Date/Time: November 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
Location: Virtual

Please see the DSHS website for more information. You must submit written comments by 5:00 PM on November 10, 2026, to DSHS Rules Coordinator/RPAU PO Box 45850 Olympia, WA 98504-5850 or by email to DSHSRPAURulesCoodinator@dshs.wa.gov.

For rule-making questions, please contact Colleen Jensen, Policy Program Manager at colleen.jensen1@dsh.wa.gov or 564-999-3182.

Sincerely,

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