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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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May 22, 2015

AL TSA: AFH #2015-010
AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC

Dear Adult Family Home Providers and Interested Parties:

In December 2014, the department began the rulemaking process to add and amend sections of Chapter 388-76 WAC in order to comply and be consistent with federal law and to repeal the section references to Resident Client Protection Program (RCPP).

Recently, the department filed the CR-102, a more formal phase of the rule making process. The CR-102, including proposed rule language, is available on the ALTSA website: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-adult-family-home-providers>, under the heading, "AFH Rule Filings".

Highlights of the intended changes include the following:

- A new section is being added to the medication section to include psychopharmacologic medications.
- Language has been changed around physical and chemical restraints.
- Language has been added to AFH bedroom requirements and includes the right of residents to have a locked door if they chose to have one.
- Repeals RCPP program section references from the AFH WAC. The program has been moved and is now a part of the Adult Protective Services (APS) program with Home and Community Services.

You may either submit comments in person 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: June 9, 2015 Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Office Building 2 (DSSH Headquarters) Lookout Room
1115 Washington
Olympia, WA 98504

You must submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on date, to the following address or by email to Jennisha Johnson at DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov


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Directions to Office Building 2 can be found: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/RPAU-OB-2directions.html>. Public parking is available at 11th and Jefferson streets.

If you have any questions about the proposed rules, please contact Amanda Jackson, Policy Program Manager at (360) 725-3204 or email at jacksaj@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl I. Walters II.". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end. A long horizontal line extends from the bottom of the signature to the left.

Carl I. Walters II., Director
Residential Care Services

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