



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

January 5, 2016

AL TSA: AFH #2016-001
AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

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).

In May, 2015, you were informed that the Department had filed a CR-102, a more formal stage of the rule making process. Recently, the Department filed a supplemental CR-102 due to a delay in the original rule making process. The CR-102, including proposed rule language, is available on the AL TSA 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: January 26th, 2016 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Office Building 2 (DSHS Headquarters)

1115 Washington

Olympia, WA 98504

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You must submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on date, to the following address or by email to Christine Butler at DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov.
DSHS Rules Coordinator/RPAU
PO Box 45850
Olympia WA, 98504-5850

Directions to Office Building 2 can be found online at <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 Christi Pederson, Policy Unit Manager, at (360) 725-2327 or e-mail at pedercl@dshs.wa.gov

Sincerely,



Candace Goehring, Director
Residential Care Services

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