



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

July 14, 2016

**ALTSA: AFH #2016-014**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC**

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

The department is continuing with the rulemaking process to amend or repeal sections of Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). These changes are needed to either be in compliance with Substitute Senate Bill 5600, to address resident safety concerns, or to correct or clarify language currently in rule.

Recently the department filed the CR-102 (WSR 16-14-037), a more formal phase of the rulemaking process, with the Office of the Code Reviser. The CR-102, including proposed rule language, is available on the ALTSA website at under "AFH Rule Filings" at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-adult-family-home-providers>

Highlights of the changes under consideration include:

- Changes to the definition of abuse, restraints and capacity;
- Clarifying the resident is not required to sign the Disclosure of Charges form provided by the department;
- Adding the resident being assessed as safe to use medical devices;
- Clarify "informed consent" for psychopharmacologic medications;
- Clarify nurses are not required to have a first aid card or certificate;
- Clarify homes licensed after January 1, 2016 are required to have door hardware for the designated egress door in accordance with WAC 51-51;
- Homes licensed after October 1, 2016 must have grab bars, handrails and/or ramps installed in accordance with WAC 51-51;
- Clarify commercially bottled water does not expire;
- Clarify all residents will participate in at least one annual full evacuation all together
- Clarify safety requirements for space heaters, fireplaces and stoves; and
- Condense emergency evacuation WACs and clarify location of bedrooms for residents who need assistance.

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: August 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM  
Location: Office Building 2 (DSHS Headquarters) Lookout Room  
1115 Washington  
Olympia, WA 98504

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You must submit written comments by 5:00PM on this date, to the following address or by email to Jennisha Johnson at [DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov)

DSHS Rules coordinator/RPAU  
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Directions to Office Building 2 can be found: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sesa/rules-and-policies-assistance-unit/driving-directions-office-bldg-2>. Public parking is available at 11<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson streets.

For rule-making questions, please contact Sherise Baltazar, Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-3204.

Sincerely,



Candace Goehring, Director  
Residential Care Services

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