



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
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**MEDICAL DEVICE REQUIREMENTS**

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

The Department recently completed the formal rulemaking process, in part to revise the Medical Device section in Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Changes were made in this section for resident safety and to clarify the required documentation.

Effective November 4, 2016, the assessment for the medical device can be included in the resident assessment or as a stand-alone assessment as part of the resident's record. Also effective on this date is the proper installation of the medical device for the safety of the resident, and the resident's negotiated care plan must also include how the resident will use the device.

The other significant change in the Medical Device section is, in addition to the resident assessment identifying the resident's need for the medical device, the resident must also be assessed for the ability to safely use the device. However, there will be a grace period allowing adequate time for providers to ensure the additional information is incorporated in the assessment for the medical device. Residents assessed for the use of a medical device on or after April 1, 2017 must include the resident's ability to safely use the device.

If you have not done so already, please review the recent rule making changes to Chapter 388-76 WAC. Thank you for your continued dedication to our residents.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director  
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