



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
**Aging and Long-Term Support Administration**  
**P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600**

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**Amended March 31, 2022**

**ALTSA: AFH #2021-045**  
**AFH INCENTIVE – ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL DISCHARGES**

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

**Amending this letter to inform providers that, DSHS, Home and Community Services (HCS) Division, received approval to extend the incentives to AFHs who accept new resident admissions from acute hospitals through June 30, 2022.**

The ongoing COVID-19 outbreak continues to impact medical and long-term care settings across the country. As the state is responding to another surge, we have a critical need to create capacity in acute care hospitals to serve those who need emergency and intensive care during this ongoing outbreak.

One of the top priorities of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is continuing to work with patients who no longer have a need for acute care in a hospital to transition to alternative settings. This will create capacity for hospitals to serve individuals who need acute care that can only be provided in a hospital setting.

On August 23, 2021, DSHS, Home and Community Services (HCS) Division and the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), received approval to offer incentives to AFHs who accept new resident admissions from acute hospitals and we are requesting assistance with expediting transitions from acute hospital settings.

DSHS is approving the following actions:

**Effective 8/23/21, HCS/DDA will implement a tiered AFH admission incentive for transitions from acute care hospitals.**

<b>Admissions Incentive Period:</b>	<b>08/23/2021-6/30/2022</b>
Admission Incentive: \$ 3000.00*	59 days or less since HCS/DDA referral
Admission Incentive: \$ 6000.00*	60 days or greater since HCS/DDA referral

This payment is available for each client admitted meeting these criteria.

All Incentives will be calculated from date of HCS/DDA Referral to date of HCS/DDA referral to AFH.

Individuals newly admitting to Adult Family Homes from acute care hospitals during this period will receive a one-time admission incentive when:

- 1) A client specific approval letter is requested from the HCS/DDA case manager and approved by Home and Community Services/Developmental Disabilities Administration prior to admission. This approval letter is required to receive the incentive.
- 2) The Individual admits to the Adult Family Home during 8/23/2021 through 6/30/2022.
- 3) The Department has confirmed that this is a new admission from an acute care hospital. Readmissions and transfers are not eligible for this incentive.

All AFH admission, transfer and discharge rules continue to apply.

We know that the COVID-19 outbreak continues to have significant impacts on our AFHs, and we appreciate your willingness to partner and collaborate to meet this emergent need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Anbesse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Anbesse, Director  
Residential Care Services

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