

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

February 9, 2023

ALTSA: AFH #2023-003 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC

Dear Adult Family Home Provider

The department is continuing with the rulemaking process to add, amend, and repeal sections of Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). These changes are needed to benefit and support the entities regulated by this Chapter and implement legislation passed in the 2020 legislative session.

Recently the department filed the CR 102, a more formal phase of the rulemaking process, with the Office of the Code Reviser. (<u>WSR 23-04-046</u>) The CR-102 document can be found on the ALTSA internet website under "AFH Rule Filings" at <u>Information for Adult Family Home</u> <u>Providers | DSHS (wa.gov)</u>.

You may either submit comments 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: March 21, 2023, at 10am

Location: Virtual

Due to the COVID pandemic, hearings are being held virtually. Please see the <u>DSHS</u> website for more information. You must submit written comments by 5:00PM on March 21 to DSHS Rules coordinator/RPAU PO Box 45850 Olympia, WA 98504-5850 or by email to <u>DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov</u>.

Please check the ALTSA website often for updated information about the CR-102 filing. For rulemaking questions, please contact Colleen Jensen, Adult Family Home Policy Program Manager, at (564) 999-3182 or <u>colleen.jensen1@dshs.wa.gov</u>. Thank you for your continued commitment to client health and safety.

Sincerely,

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Amy Abbott, Director Residential Care Services

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