

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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ALTSA: AFH #2023-041 CR-103P (PERMANENT RULE) FILED AMENDING ADULT FAMILY HOME MINIMUM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

This message is to announce the filing of a CR-103 (Permanent Rule) amending Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), Adult Family Home Minimum Licensing Requirements. The department is repealing sections in Chapter 388-76 WAC to remove the requirement for DSHS Orientation training. The content of this training is also taught in Adult Family Home Administrator training, which is required for adult family home applicants who have not completed it.

In September 2023 the department <u>notified</u> providers of a CR-105 (expedited rule) under WSR <u>23-19-016</u> that began the rulemaking process. The department will amend these rules as they are beneficial to or requested or supported by the regulated entities, local governments or small business that it affects. Residential Care Services did not receive any objections to the proposed changes.

The department filed the CR-103P permanent rules (<u>WSR 23-24-010</u>) on November 27, 2023. The permanent rule will become effective on January 1, 2024 and will not appear online for at least two weeks after the full text of the rule is published in the Washington State Register.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Jensen, Policy Program Manager, at (564) 999-3182 or colleen.jensen1@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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