

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

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## ALTSA: AFH #2024-021 IMPLEMENTATION OF PASSED LEGISLATION ESHB 2347: ADULT FAMILY HOMES-DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES- INFORMATION ON WEBSITE

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

The Washington State Legislature passed <u>Enrolled Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2347</u> in the 2024 legislative session. This bill amends Chapter 70.128 RCW related to the Department of Social and Health Services (department) website. The department uses the <u>AFH Facility Search</u> (<u>wa.gov</u>) to post inspection and investigation reports for licensed facilities. The passed legislation changes some of the information the department will post on the public website.

RCW <u>70.128.280</u> requires the department to maintain a comprehensive and user-friendly consumer-oriented website to aid family members, residents, and prospective residents of adult family homes in Washington. The website currently posts links to investigation and inspection reports and any enforcement actions by the department for the previous three years.

Effective June 6, 2024, the department website regarding adult family homes will include the following documents and information for the previous three years:

- deficiency-free inspection letters;
- statements of deficiency related to inspection visits;
- statements of deficiency related to complaint investigations requiring an attestation of correction;
- notices of return to compliance related to statements of deficiency; and
- enforcement action notices issued by the Department.

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

Sincerely,

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