



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Home and Community Living Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

May 22, 2025

HCLA: AFH #2025-016
AFH FEE INCREASE

Dear Adult Family Home Administrator:

The 2026-2027 Biennial Operating Budget has been modified in accordance with [RCW 70.128.060\(11\)\(a\)\(i\): License – Generally - Fees](#) which states, *“At the time of an application for an adult family home license and upon the annual fee renewal date set by the department, the licensee shall pay a license fee.”* The Adult Family Home per bed license fee is established in the Omnibus Appropriations Act and any amendments or additions made to that act are identified in the budget summary materials which are available online at www.fiscal.wa.gov under the Budget Bills and Documents header.

The current annual license fee for Adult Family Homes (AFH) has been increased by the legislature with the passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill [ESSB5167](#). AFH fees will change from \$225 per bed annually to \$450.00 per bed annually beginning in fiscal year 2026 which is effective July 1, 2025. Residential Care Services (RCS) is working with the Office of Financial Recovery (OFR) to adjust the billing statement to reflect the updated annual licensing fee.

If you have any questions, please contact [Michael Gardner](#), Business Operations and Analysis Unit Manager at (360) 725-3600 or RCSBOA@dshs.wa.gov

Sincerely,

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

Amy Abbott, Director
Residential Care Services

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