



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

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AL TSA: ALF #2016-019
RULE DEVELOPMENT FOR ALF PLANT REQUIREMENTS
TO CHAPTER 388-78A WAC

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

The department is considering adding, repealing, or amending sections to Chapter 388-78A of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) for Assisted Living Facility Licensing Rules. The Rule Development Plan is now available online, outlining how to submit proposals for recommended changes to rule, projected timelines including workshops, and the appointing of an advisory committee.

All proposals must be submitted on the Rule Change Comment form (DSHS 05-251). An advisory committee will be appointed to provide advisory opinion to transform policy decisions into action, to build consensus on controversial issues, and give the community a balanced forum for participating in rule development.

If you would be interested in participating as an advisory committee member, please submit a letter of interest with the following information: name, organization in which you represent, job title, area of expertise with assisted living facilities, ability to commit to two full day workshops (possibly a third workshop, if required), and the name and information of an alternative representative in case of absence. All submissions for letter of interest must be received **no later than** December 15, 2016.

Please visit the Information for ALF Professionals web page at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-assisted-living-facility-professionals> under Assisted Living Facility Rule Filings, Physical Plant, for the posting of the draft rule, Rule Development Plan and the required comment form.

Submit recommended proposals and/or letters of interest to be an advisory committee member to Jeanette K. Childress, Long-Term Care Policy Program Manager, at jeanette.childress@dshs.wa.gov. For additional questions, you may call (360) 725-2591.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director
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