

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

July 12, 2019

ALTSA: ALF #2019-012 **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-78A WAC**

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

The department is proposing to add new sections, repeal existing sections, and amend sections in chapter 388-78A WAC "Assisted Living Facility Licensing Rules" related to physical plant regulations. The rules have not been updated in ten or more years and are unclear, ambiguous, and inaccurate.

Recently the department filed the CR 102, a more formal phase of the rulemaking process, with the Office of the Code Reviser. The CR-102 (WSR 19-14-100) and related rulemaking documents can be found on the ALTSA Information for Assisted Living Facility Professionals web page, under "Assisted Living Facility Rule Filings".

You may either submit comments in person 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: August 27, 2019 at 10:00 AM Date: Location: Office Building 2 (DSHS Headquarters) 1115 Washington Olympia, WA 98504

You must submit written comments by 5:00 PM on this date, to the following address or by email to DSHSRPAURulesCoodinator@dshs.wa.gov

DSHS Rules Coordinator/RPAU PO Box 45850 Olympia, WA 98504

Directions to the Office Building 2 can be found here.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette K. Childress, LTC Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-2591.

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