



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

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**HCLA: ALF #2025-013**  
**ALF FEE INCREASE**

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

The 2026-2027 Biennial Operating Budget has been modified in accordance with [RCW 18.20.050\(1\)\(b\): Licenses—Issuance—Renewal—Provisional licenses—Fees—Display—Surrender, relinquishment—Change in licensee—Refusal of renewal, when—Copy of decision](#) which states, “*at the time of the application for or renewal of a license or provisional license, the licensee shall pay a license fee.*” The Assisted Living Facility per bed annual 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](http://www.fiscal.wa.gov) under the Budget Bills and Documents header.

The current annual license fee for Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) has been increased by the legislature with the passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill [ESSB5167](#). ALF fees will change from \$116 per bed annually to \$383 per bed annually beginning in fiscal year 2026 which will be effective on 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 your Assisted Living Facility's license renewal date falls between July 1 and August 1, 2025, the billing statement had been mailed on March 15 and April 15 respectively. An amended billing statement will be sent to those Assisted Living Facilities that were billed during this period. You can expect these amended statements to be mailed soon. Once facilities receive the amended statements, please pay the remainder of the annual fee. Billing statements sent after May 15, 2025, will reflect the new required amount of \$383 per bed.

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

Sincerely,

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