

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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ALTSA: ESF #2019-005 **ESF LOCATOR EXPANSION**

Dear Enhanced Services Facilities Providers:

In 2006, the Division of Residential Care Services (RCS) developed a website for consumers and customers seeking information about long term care facilities. For consistency and transparency amongst all programs regulated by RCS, a locator link was added to the ALTSA Enhanced Services Facilities (ESF) website in 2018.

The ESF locator link will now include any applicable Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) letters, in addition to recertification survey reports, complaint investigation reports, fire Inspection reports, and letters regarding enforcement actions. IDR letters reference the results of a provider requested opportunity to present information to dispute deficiency citations and/or related enforcement. Information posted is retained online for three years from the date of the document. When a user clicks on "view reports," the additional category of IDR letters will display when a provider has documents posted.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety.

If you have any questions, please contact Teva Weissman, Policy Unit Manager, at (360) 725-2327 or teva.weissman@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely.

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