

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

October 29, 2015

ALTSA: ICF/IID #2015-011 CR 102 FILED TO PROPOSE ADDING & AMENDING SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 388-111

Dear ICF/IID Superintendent or Administrator and Interested Parties:

The Department is continuing with the rulemaking process to amend a section of Chapter 388-111 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). These changes are needed to be in compliance with newly passed legislation, Substitute Senate Bill 5600.

Recently, the Department filed a CR-102, a more formal phase of the rule making process. The CR-102, including proposed rule language, is available on the Aging and Long Term Services Administration (ALTSA) professional page at under "Rule Filings" at <u>https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-icfsiid-providers</u>.

Highlights of the changes under consideration include:

• Changes to the definition of abuse.

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 schedule:

Date: November 24, 2015 Time: 10:00 a.m. Location: Office Building 2 (DSHS Headquarters) 1115 Washington Olympia, WA 98504

You must submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date, to the following: Email - Jennisha Johnson at: <u>DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov</u> or by mail to:

DSHS Rules Coordinator /RPAU PO Box 45850 Olympia WA, 98504-5850

Public parking is available at 11th and Jefferson Streets. Directions to Office Building 2 can be found at:

http://www.icsew.wa.gov/meetings/agendas/2015/2015Jan20_OB2DrivingDirections.pdf

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If you have any questions about the proposed rules, please contact Penny Rarick, Policy Program Manager, at 360-725-3210 or at penny.rarick@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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