



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Home and Community Living Administration
Residential Care Services • P.O. Box 45600 • Olympia, Washington 98504

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HCLA: ALF #2026-014
Assisted Living Facility (ALF) License Fee Decrease

Dear Assisted Living Administrator:

The 2026-2027 Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Operating Budget has been modified in accordance with [RCW 18.20.050](#) License-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 annual per bed licensing fee for Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) is established in the Omnibus Appropriations Act and any amendments or additions made to this act are identified in the budget summary materials available online Information at [Washington State Fiscal Information](#) under Budget Bills and Documents headings.

The current annual licensing fee for ALFs has been decreased by the legislature with the passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5167 ([ESSB5167](#)). ALF fees will change from \$383 per bed annually to \$381 per bed annually beginning fiscal year 2027 which will be effective on July 1, 2026. Residential Care Services (RCS) has worked with the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to adjust billing statements to reflect the decrease in the annual licensing fee.

If your assisted living facility’s license renewal date falls between July 1, 2026 and August 1, 2026, the billing statements have been mailed on March 15 and April 15 respectively and will reflect the change in the per bed annual licensing fee.

For questions related to the ALF fee decrease please contact Michael Gardner, Business Operations and Analysis Unit Manager at (360) 725-3600 or RCSBOA@dshs.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director
Residential Care Services

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