



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
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**ALF #2025-020**  
**ESF #2025-015**  
**NH #2025-021**

**INTERESTED PARTIES MEETINGS ON BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS**  
**TEMPORARILY POSTPONED**

Dear Provider/Administrator:

On May 23, 2025, Residential Care Services (RCS) issued a Dear Provider Letter to inform the community of upcoming rulemaking aimed at aligning RCS regulated facilities with legislation passed during the 2025 legislative session.

After some consideration, RCS has decided to temporarily pause our meetings with interested parties scheduled for June and July of 2025. We still plan to conduct rule making on this topic as soon as possible but are awaiting further guidance from the Washington State Patrol, which will clarify what areas of legislation need to be addressed by RCS.

For additional information on this rulemaking project and others, please visit the RCS rulemaking webpage: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/rcs/altsa-rcs-rulemaking> or contact Molly McClintock at [rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



for

Amy Abbott, Director  
Residential Care Services

DSHS: *"Partnering with People"*

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[ESF #2025-011](#)  
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