



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Social and Health Services (department), Aging and Long-Term Support Administration, RCS

Subject of possible rule making: The department is considering amending the following section in chapter 388-76 WAC, Adult Family Home Minimum Licensing Requirements: 10750-Safety and maintenance. The intent is to provide clarity about access to hand sanitizer in compliance with infection control, safety, and maintenance regulations in adult family homes. Homes must meet infection control requirements while also ensuring resident safety. The department may amend other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 70.128.040

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: These changes will give clear requirements for adult family homes to allow residents who have been assessed as "safe" unsupervised access to hand sanitizer. It will assist homes in meeting or maintaining infection control standards by increasing access for residents who can safely use hand sanitizer without supervision.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: No other federal or state agencies regulate this subject.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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