

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

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## ALTSA: AFH #2024-051 -102 FILED (FORMAL PHASE) TO AMEND SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 388-76 WAC

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

The department is continuing with the rulemaking process to amend sections of Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). These changes are needed to support resident safety and benefit the entities regulated by this Chapter.

Recently the department filed the CR 102, a more formal phase of the rulemaking process, with the Office of the Code Reviser. The CR-102 document can be found here: (<u>WSR 24-24-020</u>). You can find information about Residential Care Services rulemaking activities on the ALTSA internet website under <u>"ALTSA RCS Rulemaking"</u>.

You may either submit comments **virtually** 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 scheduled:

Date: January 7, 2025, at 10 am

Location: Virtual

Hearings are held virtually. Please see the <u>DSHS website</u> for more information. You must submit comments in writing beginning noon on December 4, 2024 through 5:00pm on January 7, 2025. Send comments to DSHS Rules Coordinator/RPAU P.O. Box 45850 Olympia, WA 98504-5850 or by email to <u>DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov</u>.

Please check the ALTSA website often for updated information about the CR-102 filing. For rulemaking questions, please contact Colleen Jensen, Adult Family Home Policy Program Manager, at (564) 999-3182 or <a href="mailto:colleen.jensen1@dshs.wa.gov">colleen.jensen1@dshs.wa.gov</a>. Thank you for your continued commitment to client health and safety.

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director Residential Care Services

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