

STATE OF WASHINGTON 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 #2025-004 CR-103P (PERMANENT RULE) FILED TO AMEND SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 388-76 WAC, ADULT FAMILY HOME MINIMUM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) filed a CR-103P on January 31, 2025, adopting amendments to Chapter 388-76 WAC (Adult Family Home Minimum Licensing Requirements). The rule change was needed to allow new AFHs licensed for more than five flexibility in how they meet the requirement for two available and accessible toilets. This action was also requested by a member of the community.

The adopted rules are published in the Washington State Register under WSR <u>25-04-069</u>. The department held a public hearing on January 7, 2025 and did not receive any comments on the proposed changes. You can find a copy of the Concise Explanatory Statement here.

The permanent rule will become effective March 4, 2025. The permanent rule change will not appear online for at least two weeks after the rule is published in the Washington State Register.

If you have any questions, please Colleen Jensen, Policy Program Manager at 564-999-3182 or <u>colleen.jensen1@dshs.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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