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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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ALTSA: AFH #2015-019
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC

Dear Adult Family Home Provider

The Department is considering adding and amending section of Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). These changes are needed to be in compliance with newly passed legislation, Substitute House Bill 1132 and Substitute Senate Bill 5600 and to address resident safety concerns.

A CR-101 (WSR 15-17-110) was recently filed with the Office of the Code Reviser to begin the rulemaking process. The CR-101 document can be found on the ALTSA internet website under "AFH Rule Filings" at: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-adult-family-home-providers>.

Highlights of the changes under consideration include:

- A one-time waiver of the adult family home application fee under exceptional circumstances such as the death of a co-provider.
- Changes to the definition of abuse
- Clarification about primary egress doors and required hardware.
- Clarification about how much notice must be given when services increase or decrease due a change in a resident's condition.

For rule-making questions, please contact Christi Pederson, Policy Unit Manager, at (360) 725-2327.

Sincerely,

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