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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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AL TSA: AFH #2015-024
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC

Dear Adult Family Home Provider

The Department is continuing with the rulemaking process to amend sections of Chapter 388-76 WAC in order to comply with newly passed legislation, Substitute House Bill 1132 and to address resident safety concerns.

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, including proposed rule language, is available on the AL TSA website <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-adult-family-home-providers> under "AFH Rule Filings".

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.
- 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.

You may either submit comments in person 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: November 24th, 2015 @ 10:00 AM
Location: Office Building 2 (DSHS Headquarters) Lookout Room
1115 Washington
Olympia, WA 98504

You must submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on this date, to the following address or by email to Jennisha Johnson at DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov

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Directions to Office Building 2 can be found: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/RPAU-OB-2directions.html>. Public parking is available at 11th and Jefferson streets.

If you have any questions about the proposed rules, please contact Christi Pederson, Policy Unit Manager, at 360-725-2327 or christi.pederson@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Candace Goehring, Director
Residential Care Services

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