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ALTSA: AFH #2016-007 CR-103P FILED TO PROPOSE AMENDING & REPEALING SECTIONS

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

The Department is considering adding and amending sections to Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code. The enclosed CR-103 (WSR 16-06-004) was recently filed with the Office of the Code Reviser.

The CR-103P document can also be found on the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA) internet website under "AFH Rule Filings" at: <u>https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-adult-family-home-providers</u>

The department's purpose in filing the CR-103P is to add, amend and repeal sections to Chapter 388-76 WAC. These changes are needed to comply with federal law and to repeal the Resident Client Protection Program (RCPP) from AFH WACs. Highlights of the intended changes include the following:

- Repeals RCPP program WACs from AFH WACs. The program has been moved and is now a part of the Adult Protective Services (APS) program with Home and Community Services.
- A new section is being added to the medication section to include psychopharmacologic medications.
- Language has been changed around physical and chemical restraints.
- Language has been added to AFH bedroom requirements and includes the right of residents to have a locked door if they chose to have one.

If you have questions about the proposed rules, please contact Christi Pederson, Policy Unit Manager, at (360) 725-2327 or e-mail at <u>pedercl@dshs.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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