

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES Aging and Long-Term Support Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

December 15, 2016

ALTSA: AFH #2016-026 **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC**

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

In April 2016, the department began the rule making process to amend or repeal sections of Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Through public comment during the CR 102 hearing for WSR 16-14-037 on August 23, 2016, WAC 388-76-10135 and WAC 388-76-10660 were identified as needing to be amended. However, neither were identified on WSR 16-14-037 as a proposed amendment and the proposed changes to these sections were substantive; therefore, they could not be included in the CR 103 filed on October 4, 2016.

A CR 102 was filed with the Office of the Code Reviser on October 14, 2016 to continue the rule making process for WAC 388-76-10135 and WAC 388-76-10660.

We recently filed the final rule making order CR-103 document with the Office of the Code Reviser – WSR # 17-01-002. The CR-103, including the revised WAC language, is available electronically on the AFH Provider page at https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-adult-family-homeproviders, under the heading "How will the Department communicate any changes?" The effective date for these changes is January 7, 2017.

If you have questions, please contact your local Residential Care Services Field Manager. Thank you for your continued commitment to the care of long-term care residents of our state.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director

Residential Care Services

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