

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

January 5, 2018

## ALTSA: AFH #2018-001 FORMAL PHASE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

The department is proposing to amend sections in chapter 388-76 WAC for Adult Family Homes related to the definition of "willful". The department is amending WAC 388-76-1000 to strike the term "willful" from the definition list. This is the result of an order by the Division III Court of Appeals in Crosswhite v. DSHS, invalidating the current definition of "willful".

Recently, the Department filed the CR-102, a more formal phase of the rule making process. The CR-102, including proposed rule language, is available on the ALTSA website at: <a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-certified-community-residential-services-and-supports-providers">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-certified-community-residential-services-and-supports-providers</a> under "CCRSS Rule Filings".

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: February 6, 2018

Time: 10: 00 a.m.

Location: Office Building 2 (DSHS Headquarters)

1115 Washington Olympia, WA 98504

You must submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on February 6, 2018 to the following address or by email at <a href="mailto:DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov">DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov</a>

DSHS Rules Coordinator /RPAU PO Box 45850 Olympia WA. 98504-5850

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

If you have any questions about the proposed rule change, please contact Claudia Baetge, Policy Program Manager at (360) 725-2589 or email at <a href="mailto:baetgcf@dshs.wa.gov">baetgcf@dshs.wa.gov</a>

Sincerely.

Candace Goehring, Director Residential Care Services

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