

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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## ALTSA: AFH #2019-004 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

The department is considering adding a new section to Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). These changes are needed to maintain compliance with federal regulations created by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services instituted 42 CFR §441.530 to create regulations for Home and Community Based Settings, including adult family homes (AFH). DSHS and the providers who serve residents using Medicaid funding are bound to comply with these regulations.

A CR-101 (<u>WSR 19-03-150</u>) was recently filed with the Office of the Code Reviser to begin the rulemaking process. A link to this document can be found on <u>ALTSA's Information for Adult Family Home Providers web page</u>, under "AFH Rule Filings".

The proposed language for this change will be posted on the AFH Professional webpage for review and comment prior to filling the CR-102.

For rule-making questions, please contact Libby Wagner, Policy Program Manager, at (253) 234-6061.

Sincerely.

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