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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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AFH LOCATOR EXPANSION

Dear Adult Family Home Provider

In 2013, the legislature passed Substitute Senate Bill 5630, making changes to RCW 70.128 and state laws that govern adult family homes (AFH). The legislation required DSHS to post on the consumer oriented website inspection and investigation reports as well as any enforcement actions by the department for the previous three years. The legislation was intended to provide comprehensive information that was user-friendly to residents, family members and prospective residents regarding the AFH's in the state of Washington. Information can be found on the ALTSA Information for AFH Providers website.

The AFH locator link will now include Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) letters, in addition to the existing information available and the link to "understanding these reports." IDR letters reference the results of a provider requested opportunity to present information to dispute deficiency citations and/or related enforcement. Information posted is retained online for three years from the date of the document. When a user clicks on "view reports," the additional category of IDR letters will display when a provider has documents posted.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety.

If you have any questions, please contact Libby Wagner, Policy Program Manager, at (253) 234-6061 or libby.wagner@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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