

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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ALTSA: AFH #2020-001 CR103 (PERMANENT RULE) AMENDING CHAPTER 388-76 WAC (ADULT FAMILY HOME MINIMUM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS)

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

This message is to announce the filing of a CR-103 (Permanent Rule) amending Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) of the adult family home licensing rules. The department is adding a section to Chapter 388-76 WAC to incorporate federal Home and Community Based Settings requirements into the state regulations.

In August 2019, notification of the filing of a CR-102 began the permanent rule adoption process. The department will amend these rules as required to maintain federally delegated or authorized programs and as necessary to protect the health and safety of the residents in this setting. These rules are also beneficial to regulated entities. A public hearing was held on September 24, 2019. RCS did not receive any comments on the proposed changes. RCS filed a supplemental CR-102 in October 2019, and had a second hearing on November 26, 2019. RCS did not receive any comments at the second hearing.

The department filed the CR-103P permanent rules (<u>WSR 20-03-097</u>) on January 14, 2020. The permanent rule will become effective on February 14, 2020.

The permanent rule won't appear online for at least two weeks after the full text of the rule is published in the Washington State Register.

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

Sincerely.

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