

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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

August 30, 2022

ALTSA: AFH #2022-035 RESCINDING CR-103E AND WITHDRAWING CR-101 FILED TO PROPOSE AMENDING WAC 388-76-10455, MEDICATION – ADMINISTRATION

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

On May 10, 2022, the Department of Social and Health Services (department) filed a CR-103E (WSR 22-11-020) and a CR-101 (WSR 22-11-023) to amend WAC 388-76-10455, Medication — Administration. The emergency rule allowed Adult Family Home resident managers, providers, caregivers, staff, and entity representatives to administer epinephrine to residents assessed as requiring it. Current rule requires medication administration be performed by a "practitioner", by nurse delegation or by a family member or legally appointed resident representative. Adult Family Home providers do not meet the definition of "practitioner" and the task cannot be nurse-delegated. The CR-101 was filed to begin the rulemaking process to adopt the emergency rule changes permanently.

On August 4, 2022, the department filed WSR 22-17-016 to rescind the CR 103E and WSR 22-17-015 to withdraw the CR 101 related to the proposed amendment of WAC 388-76-10455. After consultation with the Department of Health and further consideration, the department has determined amending the Adult Family Home rules would not provide the remedy originally intended. You may review these filings on the Washington State Register after they are published on September 7, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Anbesse, Director Residential Care Services

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