



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
*Aging and Long-Term Support Administration*  
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**AL TSA: AFH #2025-005**  
**CR-103P (PERMANENT RULE) FILED TO AMEND SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 388-76 WAC,**  
**ADULT FAMILY HOME MINIMUM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) filed a CR-103P on January 28, 2025, adopting amendments to Chapter 388-76 WAC (Adult Family Home Minimum Licensing Requirements), amending chapter 388-76 WAC to clarify requirements for Adult Family Homes (AFH) wishing to increase capacity to seven or eight beds when the AFH serves only residents who do not require assistance with evacuation and the AFH does not have a residential sprinkler system.

The project also implements ESHB Chapter 147, Laws of 2024- Adult Family Homes- Applications to Increase Bed Capacity, enabling the department to temporarily prioritize inspections of AFHs wishing to increase capacity to seven or eight beds when the AFH has met all other requirements.

The adopted rules are published in the Washington State Register under WSR [25-04-035](#). The department held a public hearing on January 7, 2025 and did not receive any comments on the proposed changes. You can find a copy of the Concise Explanatory Statement [here](#).

The permanent rule will become effective March 4, 2025. The permanent rule change will not appear online for at least two weeks after the rule is published in the Washington State Register.

If you have any questions, please Colleen Jensen, Policy Program Manager at 564-999-3182 or [colleen.jensen1@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:colleen.jensen1@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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