

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Home and Community Living Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

May 2, 2025

ALTSA: AFH 2025-011 CR-101 FILED TO PROPOSE AMENDING AND ADDING 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) is considering amending sections of Chapter 388-76 WAC, Adult Family Home Minimum Licensing Requirements. The purpose of this rulemaking is to amend the rules for emergency evacuation drill frequency from every "sixty days" to every "two months". These changes are requested or supported by the regulated entities, local governments or small businesses that it affects.

The department filed CR-101 with the Office of the Code Reviser on April 25, 2025, to begin the rulemaking process. The notice will be published in the Washington State Register (WSR) under WSR 25-10-009. This CR-101 and related rulemaking information will be available on the Residential Care Services rulemaking webpage https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/rcs/altsa-rcs-rulemaking as the rulemaking progresses.

For rulemaking questions, please contact Colleen Jensen, Policy Program Manager at 564-999-3182 or respolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Miriam Mina, Deputy Director Residential Care Services

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