



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
**Aging and Long-Term Support Administration**  
**P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600**

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**ALTSA: AFH #2022-041**  
**ALTSA: ALF #2022-035**  
**ALTSA: ESF #2022-031**  
**CARE SERVICE SUMMARY**

Dear Provider/Administrator:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of additional language that will print to a resident's plan of care, specifically the CARE Service Summary. The following language will print to a resident's plan of care just above the "Provider Signature" line when the resident is a Medicaid client assessed by Aging and Long-Term Support Administration and their assessment identifies they intend to reside in an AFH, ALF, or ESF.

**An individual accepted by a contracted long-term care provider may pose risks to themselves, other residents, caregivers, or others outside the facility/home. This assessment contains information, including details about physical health, mental health, and safety needs, that are relevant to your evaluation of whether you can safely and adequately care for the individual. The CARE assessment is not a service setting recommendation by DSHS.**

You will begin seeing this additional language for residents with CARE assessments completed on or after 9/30/2022. It will not appear in the plans of care for residents assessed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact your local HCS Field Services Administrator.

Sincerely,

Mike Anbesse, Director  
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DSHS: "Transforming Lives"

Kristin Byrne, Interim Director  
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