

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES Home and Community Living Administration PO Box 45600 Olympia, WA 98504-5600

May 16, 2025

HCLA: AFH #2025-013 HCLA: ALF #2025-010 HCLA: ESF #2025-008 HCLA: NH #2025-016 DEATH WITH DIGNITY RULE MAKING INTERESTED PARTIES MEETINGS

Dear Administrator/Provider:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) would like to notify you that we will begin conducting meetings with interested parties in July 2025, regarding Death with Dignity (DWD) proposed rules. To register, please use the links provided or reach out to the appropriate Policy Unit staff listed below for assistance.

Interested Parties Meeting #1:

- Date/Time: Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Pacific Standard Time.
- **Topic:** The department plans to address rule making language for DWD medications in Adult Family Homes (AFHs).
- Register here.

Interested Parties Meeting #2:

- Date/Time: Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Pacific Standard Time.
- **Topic:** The department plans to address rule making language for DWD medications in Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs).
- Register <u>here</u>.

Interested Parties Meeting #3:

- **Date/Time:** Tuesday, July 22nd, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Pacific Standard Time.
- **Topic:** The department plans to address rule making language for DWD medications in Enhanced Services Facilities (ESFs).
- Register <u>here.</u>

Interested Parties Meeting #4:

- Date/Time: Tuesday, July 29th, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Pacific Standard Time.
- **Topic:** The department plans to address rule making language for DWD medications in Nursing Homes (NHs).
- Register <u>here.</u>

Background: On March 29, 2023, the department filed a CR-101 (WSR <u>23-08-038</u>) to notify the public of a rulemaking project to consider changes in resident medication rules as they relate to the implementation of DWD. The project will address Chapter 388-76 (AFH), Chapter 388-78A (ALF), Chapter 388-97 (NH), and Chapter 388-107 (ESF). You can find more information about DWD here: <u>Department of Health</u> and <u>RCW 70.245</u>.

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For additional background on DWD, please refer to the following provider letters:

- 1. ALTSA: AFH #2024-004
- 2. ALTSA: ALF #2024-003
- 3. ALTSA: ESF #2024-003
- 4. ALTSA: NH #2024-004

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jodi Lamoreaux, Policy Program Manager, at rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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