



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

May 22, 2025

HCLA: NH #2025-017
NH FEE INCREASE

Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

The 2026-2027 Biennial Operating Budget has been modified in accordance with [RCW 18.51.050\(1\)\(b\): License—Issuance, renewal—Fee—Display](#) which states, “prior to the issuance or renewal of the license, the licensee shall pay a license fee.” The Nursing Home per bed license fee is established in the Omnibus Appropriations Act and any amendments or additions made to that act are identified in the budget summary materials which are available online at www.fiscal.wa.gov under the Budget Bills and Documents header.

The current annual license fee for Nursing Homes (NH) has been increased by the legislature with the passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill [ESSB5167](#). NH fees will change from \$359 per bed annually to \$814 per bed annually beginning in fiscal year 2026, which will be effective on July 1, 2025. Residential Care Services (RCS) is working with the Office of Financial Recovery (OFR) to adjust the billing statement to reflect the updated annual licensing fee.

If your Nursing Home’s license renewal date falls between July 1 and August 1, 2025, the billing statement had been mailed on March 15 and April 15 respectively. An amended billing statement will be sent to those Nursing Homes that were billed during this period. You can expect these amended statements to be mailed soon. Once facilities receive the amended statements, please pay the remainder of the annual fee. Billing statements sent after May 15, 2025, will now reflect the new required amount of \$814 per bed.

If you have any questions, please contact [Michael Gardner](#), Business Operations and Analysis Unit Manager, at (360) 725-3600 or RCSBOA@dshs.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director
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