



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
AGING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION
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MERIT CARE AFH LLC
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3905 E 18TH AVE
SPOKANE, WA 99223

RE: MERIT CARE AFH # 752037

Dear Provider:

This document references Compliance Determination 46804 (Completion Date 09/11/2024).

The Department completed a full inspection of your Adult Family Home on 09/11/2024 and found that your home does not meet the Adult Family Home licensing requirements.

The department staff who did the inspection and provided consultation:

Scott Sorensen, AFH Licensors

A licenser may consult with a provider when a violation of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) or Revised Code of Washington (RCW) is found, but it is not cited in the Statement of Deficiencies. Violations may not be cited when it is a first-time violation of statute or rule with minimal or no harm to residents. A consult does not require a follow-up visit.

Consultation:

WAC 388-76-10532 Resident rights Department standardized disclosure forms.

(2) The adult family home must complete the disclosure of charges form as provided by the department. The home must:

(c) Keep a copy that has been signed and dated by the resident in the resident's record.

The Adult Family Home did not ensure the residents had a Department standardized disclosure of charges form signed and dated. No negative resident outcome was identified.

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- Complete correction as soon as possible.

You Are Not:

- Required to submit a plan-of-correction for the deficiency or deficiencies found.

The Department May:

- Inspect the home to determine if you have corrected all deficiencies.

You May:

- Ask for a informal dispute resolution meeting, according to the attached 'Informal Dispute Resolution' instructions; and
- Ask questions and provide written information to help clarify or dispute the deficiencies
- Contact me for clarification of the deficiency or deficiencies found.

If You Have Any Questions:

- Please contact me at (509)588-0182.

Sincerely,

Selena Clemons

Selena Clemons, Field Manager
Region 1, Unit E
Residential Care Services

INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION [RCW 70.128]

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Provider Process for Choosing a Panel or Traditional IDR:

You may only choose a **Panel IDR** if you are disputing **three or fewer** citations or enforcement actions. You may choose a **Traditional IDR** regardless of the number of citations or enforcement actions you intend to dispute. If you choose a **Panel IDR**, all documents supporting your dispute must be submitted within **20 working days** after the date you receive this letter. For **Panel IDRs** the program will not consider any documents submitted after the **20 working day deadline**. For **Traditional IDRs** you should submit documents supporting your dispute at least **seven** days prior to the date of the IDR meeting.

Send your request and supporting documents to the address below or email to rcsidr@dshs.wa.gov:

Adult Family Home IDR Program
Residential Care Services
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Olympia, WA 98504-5600