



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

February 27, 2025

ELECTRONIC-FACSIMILE

Licensee, Marlen Deochoa
Casa Mia
605 Hull Rd
Brewster, WA 98812

Adult Family Home License # **755916**
Entity Representative: Marlen Deochoa

IMPOSITION OF CIVIL FINES

Dear Licensee:

On February 13, 2025, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Residential Care Services completed a Full Inspection at your facility. This letter is formal notice of the imposition of civil fines on the license for your adult family home, located at **605 Hull Rd, Brewster**, by the State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services, pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.128.160 and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 388-76-10940.

The civil fines are based on the following violations of the RCW and/or WAC determined by the department in your adult family home and described in the attached Statement of Deficiencies (SOD) report dated **February 13, 2025**.

Civil Fines

<u>WAC 388-76-10180 (1)(a)(b)(c)(iv) Background checks – Employment</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
<u>– Disqualifying information [Disqualifying negative actions].</u>	

The licensee failed to ensure they did not employ one former staff who had disqualifying negative actions on their background check. This failure placed residents at risk for harm when they received care from a disqualified caregiver.

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WAC 388-76-10175 (1)(3)(4) Background checks – Employment – **\$500.00**
Conditional hire – Pending results of Washington state name and date of birth
background check.

The licensee failed to ensure a Washington State name and date of birth background check (BGI) was completed within one working day of hire for three staff. This failure resulted in residents receiving care from staff with an unknown background check history.

This is a repeated deficiency previously cited on August 29, 2023.

WAC 388-76-10165 (1)(a)(b) Background checks – Washington **\$200.00**
state name and date of birth background check – Valid for two years – National
fingerprint background check Valid indefinitely.

The licensee failed to have a valid Washington State name and date of birth background check (BGI) completed once every two years for one staff. This failure resulted in residents receiving care from a staff with an unknown background check history.

NOTE: These are the violations, which resulted in the fines; see the attached Statement of Deficiencies for any additional violations.

Attestation (Plan of Correction):

Return the enclosed SOD within 10 calendar days with the following:

- The date you have or will have each deficiency corrected;
- A signature and date attesting that you are taking actions to correct and maintain correction for each cited deficiency.

Return the signed and dated SOD to:

Shelly Yarbrough, Field Manager
Region 1, Unit C
1200 Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903
Phone: (509)572-7394/ Fax: (509)454-4160
rcsregion1email@dshs.wa.gov

Appeal Rights:

You have two appeal rights: Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) and an Administrative Hearing. Each has a different request timeline.

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Informal Dispute Resolution [RCW 70.128]

YOU MAY:

Request an Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) meeting within **10 working** days after you receive this letter. You **must** use an **IDR Request Form** for **each** citation or enforcement action you plan to dispute. You can find this **revised** form and guidelines on the IDR Adult Family Home web page at: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/idr>.

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 you receive this letter. For **Panel IDRs**, the IDR program will not consider any documents submitted after the **20 working day deadline**. For **Traditional IDR** 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
PO Box 45600
Olympia, WA 98504-5600

Formal Administrative Hearing

You may contest the civil fines by requesting a formal administrative hearing to challenge the deficiencies, which resulted in the civil fines. **All hearing requests must be in writing and include:**

- A copy of this letter; and
- A copy of the Statement of Deficiencies.

The written request must be received within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of receipt of this letter.

Send your **written** request to:

Office of Administrative Hearings
PO Box 42489
Olympia, Washington 98504-2489

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Payment:

If you do not request a formal administrative hearing, the civil fines are due to the Office of Financial Recovery twenty-eight (28) calendar days after receipt of this letter.

Mail a check for **\$900.00** payable to the 'Department of Social and Health Services', **and if you have or have had a Medicaid resident(s), please include your ProviderOne ID Number # on the check, to:**

DSHS Office of Financial Recovery
PO Box 9501
Olympia, WA 98507-9501
(360) 664-5919 / FAX: (360) 664-8401
OFRMMISVendor@dshs.wa.gov

If the Office of Financial Recovery has not received your payment within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of this letter, interest will begin to accrue immediately on the balance, at the rate of one percent per month. If you do not submit a hearing request or make payment within twenty-eight (28) days, the balance due will be recovered.

NOTICE: State and federal law provide protections to defendants who are in military service, and to their dependents. Dependents of a service member are the service member's spouse, the service member's minor child, or and individual for whom the service member provided more than one-half of the individual's support for one hundred eight days immediately preceding an application for relief.

One protection provided is the protection against the entry of a default judgment in certain circumstances. This notice pertains only to a defendant who is a dependent of a member of the National Guard or a military reserve component under a call to active service, or a National Guard member under a call to service authorized by the governor of the state of Washington, for a period of more than thirty consecutive days. Other defendants in military service also have protections against default judgments not covered by this notice. If you are the dependent of a member of the national guard or a military reserve component under a call to active service, or a national guard member under a call to service authorized by the governor of the state of Washington, for a period of more than thirty consecutive days, you should notify the Department in writing of your status as such within twenty days of the receipt of this notice. If you fail to do so, then a court or an administrative tribunal may presume that you are not a dependent of an active duty member of the national guard or reserves, or a national guard member under a call to service authorized by the governor of the state of Washington and proceed with the entry of an order of default and/or a default judgment without further proof of your status. Your response to the Department about your status does not constitute an appearance for jurisdictional purposes in any pending litigation nor a waiver of your rights.

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If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Yarbrough, Field Manager, at (509)572-7394.

Sincerely,



Rathana Duong
Compliance Specialist
Residential Care Services

Enclosure

cc: Field Manager, Region 1, Unit C
RCS Regional Administrator, Region 1
HCS Regional Administrator, Region 1
DDA Regional Administrator, Region 1
WA LTC Ombuds
Office of Financial Recovery, Vendor Program Unit
HQ Central Files
DRW
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