

WAC 388-76-10031 License requirements—Seven or eight bed adult family homes—Licensure. (1) An adult family home submitting an application to increase the licensed capacity of a currently licensed adult family home to seven or eight residents must:

(a) Be able to demonstrate to the department the applicant's history of financial solvency and successful management experience as an adult family home provider;

(b) Maintain the initial license for the adult family home identified on the capacity increase application for a period of no less than 24 months prior to application;

(c) Maintain a licensed capacity for six residents for at least the 12 months immediately prior to application;

(d) Receive at least two full inspections prior to application, with no enforcement action taken against the home during the time period starting with the older of the two most recent inspections and ending at the time the capacity increase is approved; and

(e) Demonstrate to the department the ability to comply with the emergency evacuation standards in WAC 388-76-10865.

(2) The adult family home must provide the following items to the department with the application:

(a) Documentation verifying the installation of an automatic sprinkler system that meets the requirements of chapter 51-54A WAC;

(b) Any outstanding fees associated with licensure or additional inspections;

(c) A written plan to mitigate the potential impact of vehicular traffic related to the increased capacity; and

(d) An attestation signed by the provider that states an increase in the number of beds will not adversely affect the provider's ability to meet the health, safety, rights, or quality of life needs of the current and prospective residents in the home.

(3) At the time of application for a license capacity increase to seven or eight residents, the adult family home must provide a written notice to all residents and the residents' representatives that the home has applied for a license capacity increase. This notice must:

(a) Be provided at least 60 days prior to admitting a seventh or eighth resident;

(b) Be written in a manner or language that is understood by the residents and the residents' representatives;

(c) Inform residents and resident representatives that the department will consider their comments regarding the quality of care and quality of life offered by the home and their views regarding the addition of one or two more residents; and

(d) Provide contact information for the regional residential care services licensing office where the resident or their representative can share their comments.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.128.040 and 70.128.066. WSR 23-12-075, § 388-76-10031, filed 6/6/23, effective 8/1/23.]