



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES

Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 88 Licensed Adult Family Homes

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Adult Family Homes

- AFHs provide care, treatment, or services to three to four adults that are above the level of room and board, including up to seven hours per week of nursing care per resident.
- There are approximately 2,100 licensed 3-4 bed AFHs in Wisconsin.
- Rule created in 1995 and has not been substantially revised.

Adult Family Homes continued

- Traditionally AFHs have cared for elders with minor health problems or individuals with mild intellectual disabilities.
- In recent years, AFHs started to provide care to residents with significant medical needs, intellectual disabilities, mental illness, or who are a part of the correctional system.

Summary of Draft Proposed Rule

- Focus on resident outcomes, quality of life and care
- Support reasonable and flexible regulatory processes
- Address increasing acuity care levels of residents

Details of Draft Proposed Rule

- Strengthen provisions related to health, safety and rights of residents
- Establish thresholds for admission and retention of residents with a long-term illness or disability
- Establish training requirements to provide care to residents with dementia
- Improve assessment and care planning provisions
- Establish minimum staff training requirements

Details of Draft Proposed Rule continued

- Clarify medication administration requirements
- Clarify nurse delegation responsibilities
- Promote the use of nationally recognized standards of practice
- Update provisions relating to reporting, investigating, and documenting allegations of caregiver misconduct to include resident protection

Details of Draft Proposed Rule continued

- Establish an infection control program based on current standards of practice
- Develop, implement and maintain a quality assurance and quality improvement program
- Establish a relocation planning process

Read the Draft Proposed Rule

Submit a Comment

- DHS formed an Advisory Committee to advise the Department with respect to proposed rule.
- The draft proposed rule, DHS 88 is posted on the DHS Website for viewing: DHS 88, Licensed Adult Family Homes
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rules/active-rulemaking-projects.htm#dhs-88-licensed-adult-family-homes>
- Use this link to: SUBMIT A PUBLIC COMMENT (link is external) **Please Submit Comments by July 5th.**
<https://www.surveymozmo.com/s3/3781355/Public-Comment-on-Rulemaking-Projects-F-01924A-08-2017>

Questions

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