

Adult Care Home Program Newsletter

February 2025

Comment Period is Open for Proposed Updates to the MCAR

On Friday, January 31, the ACHP published a Notice of Intent to Adopt Proposed Rules. The public comment period on these proposed rules is from Friday, January 31 to Saturday, February 15.

This update is not the major revision to the MCAR that the ACHP discussed with providers at listening sessions last year. That is still in development, and we are considering the feedback you provided during the listening sessions and online.

What is Included in the MCAR Proposed Rules?

The OAR was updated last year to align with federal laws and state senate bills. Now the MCAR must be updated to be in compliance with the OAR on:

- Home and Community-Based Services
- Mandated protections for LGBTQIA2S+ people, and people with HIV
- Opioid antagonist medication in behavioral health (MHA) adult care homes

How do I Review the Proposed Rules and Provide Comments?

The proposed rules, and all supporting documents are published at [Adult Care Home Regulations, multco.us/info/adult-care-home-regulations](https://multco.us/info/adult-care-home-regulations).

You can also pick up a print copy at the ACHP office.

Comments must be submitted in writing. They can be submitted via email or mail, or in person. They must be received by the ACHP by

Saturday, February 15. Comments received after February 15 will not be reviewed.

- Email comments to achp.rac@multco.us.
- Drop off comments in person at the ACHP office, 600 NE 8th Street, Suite 100, Gresham, Oregon 97030. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Mail comments to: Mohammad Bader, Director, Department of County Human Services, C/O ACHP, 600 NE 8th Street, Suite 100, Gresham, Oregon 97030.

Please include your full contact information – name, mailing address and email – with your comments.

The Notice of Intent to Adopt Proposed Rules was also posted in the Multnomah County Central Courthouse, published in *The Oregonian* and distributed to stakeholders, including SEIU 503 and the Independent Adult Foster Home Association.

Who Will Review the Comments?

All comments will be reviewed by either Mohammad Bader, the director of the Department of County Human Services, or Irma Jimenez, division director of Aging, Disability and Veterans Services by Tuesday, February 25.

What Regulations, Codes and Rules Influenced This Update?

Multnomah County Code, Chapter 23, Part 2: Adoption of Administrative Rules outlines the process the ACHP must follow to update the MCAR. *Continued on Page 2*

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The state of Oregon made changes to these OAR that govern the licensing of adult foster homes in Oregon (referred to as adult care homes in Multnomah County):

- Chapter 309, Division 40
- Chapter 411, Division 49
- Chapter 411, Division 50
- Chapter 411, Division 51
- Chapter 411, Division 360

The proposed MCAR revisions bring the county into compliance with the state's updated OAR.

Fire Drill Evacuation Licensing Support Visit

The next Licensing Support Visit will be on fire drill evacuations. Your licenser will call to schedule this Licensing Support Visit.

Upcoming Holiday Office Closure

The ACHP office will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Presidents' Day.

Sample Job Application Added to Website

A sample job application has been added to the website. You can use this application when you hire staff. Find it in the section Operator and Resident Manager Forms at [Record Keeping Forms](#), multco.us/info/record-keeping-forms.

Save the Date: Adult Care Home Conference

The 2025 Adult Care Home Conference will be returning to OMSI on Monday, June 9.

Register and pay early to save money!

Early Bird Registration	Mon. March 3 – Wed. April 30	\$60
Regular Registration	Thur. May 1 – Friday, June 6	\$85
Conference Day Registration	Monday, June 9	\$100

Just like last year, residents and their accompanying caregivers can explore OMSI for free! Caregivers can only enter for free while accompanying a resident.

Caregivers or other staff who want to attend conference sessions must register and pay for the conference.

Starting Monday, March 3 you will be able to register online at:

[Adult Care Home Conference](http://multco.us/info/adult-care-home-conference), multco.us/info/adult-care-home-conference.

To pay your conference fee, call the ACHP at 503-988-3000 after you register online. You can also register and pay in person at the ACHP office.

Thank you to our lunch sponsor Synkwise! Synkwise is also providing our raffle prizes again this year.



Training and Support

Sessions are online unless listed as in person.
To register call 503-988-3000 or email
advsd.adult.carehomeprogram@multco.us.

Winter weather could affect in-person classes. The training coordinator will contact registered attendees via email if a class is canceled.

Free Info Session for Operator Applicants

Date: Tuesday, February 18
Time: 9 – 11 a.m. (Sign on 8:50 a.m.)

Orientation Required for operator, resident manager and shift manager applicants.

Date: Tuesday, March 4
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Sign on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: \$55

February Provider Meeting: TBD

First-year required trainings for operators, resident managers and shift managers:

In-Person Record Keeping Part B, Medication Management

Date: Wed., February 12, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Preschool For All, Rockwood Market Hall, 458 SE 185th Ave., Portland, OR 97233

Date: Monday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Gresham Library, 385 NW Miller Avenue Gresham, OR 97030

Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

In-Person Emergency Preparedness Planning

Date: Wed., February 26, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Preschool For All, Rockwood Market Hall, 458 SE 185th Ave., Portland, OR 97233
Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

This course is open to all providers, even if they have previously taken Emergency Preparedness Planning. Every attendee will receive a binder with class materials.

Honoring Diversity

Date: Thursday, February 20
Time: 9 a.m. – noon (Sign on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

Record Keeping Part A, Screening and Care Planning

Required for APD and MHA operators, resident managers and shift managers.

Date: Thursday, March 13
Time: 9 a.m. – noon (Sign on 12:20 p.m.)
Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

Just Ask: Oregon is a Sanctuary State, but What Does That Mean?

Answer: Oregon law prohibits state and local government, including police, from helping to enforce federal immigration laws without an order signed by a judge.

In Oregon, our laws state that everyone can live, work, play, go to school, report a crime to police, go to court, and access government services without fear that a state or local government employee will report you to ICE. If you suspect a violation of these laws, you can report to the Sanctuary Promise Hotline.

However, federal immigration authorities like ICE can and do operate in Oregon. Oregon's sanctuary laws do not stop deportations or federal prosecutions for immigration-related crimes in Oregon.

Find more information at the [Oregon Department of Justice Sanctuary Promise Community Toolkit](https://www.oregon.gov/Department-of-Justice/Sanctuary-Promise-Toolkit/),
link.multco.us/sanctuary.toolkit.

Multnomah County Chair Jessica Vega Pederson released a statement in her newsletter, [Standing Together as One Multnomah County](https://www.multnomahcounty.gov/newsletter/standing-together-as-one-multnomah-county),
link.multco.us/standing.together.