

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED RULES

February 9, 2026

The Adult Care Home Program (ACHP) licenses adult care homes and enforces the Multnomah County Administrative Rules (MCARs) that govern the licensing and operation of adult care homes in Multnomah County. Oregon law provides that a county may operate an adult care home program if the Oregon Department of Human Services finds that the county has a program for licensing and inspection of adult foster/care homes that is equal to or superior to the requirements of Oregon law, see ORS 443.780. Multnomah County, through the ACHP, has licensed, inspected and regulated adult care homes since 1986.

The ACHP is filing a proposed amendment to the MCAR with the clerk of the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners and is publishing this notice of intent to adopt proposed rules pursuant to Multnomah County Code (MCC) §23.653.

The following information is provided pursuant to MCC §23.652. The ACHP is proposing to amend MCARs in order to:

- Remove language associated with the licensing and oversight of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) licensed adult care homes following the January 1, 2026 transfer of the licensing authority of these homes to the Oregon Office of Developmental Disabilities Services;
- Revise language to clarify and explicitly mandate evidence of informed consent to residential services prescribed on the care plan in protection of resident rights; and
- Revise Appendix I to correspond with Oregon Administrative Rules. Appendix I is a resource document that defines and describes Activities of Daily Living (ADLs).

The complete text of the proposed rules may be obtained online at: <https://www.multco.us/adult-care-home-information/adult-care-home-regulations>; or in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm from the ACHP office located at 600 NE 8th Street, Suite 100, Gresham, Oregon 97030.

The ACHP invites you to review and submit views and comments on the proposed rules. Requests for postponement or public hearing may also be submitted as described below. To be considered, all views, comments, or requests must be received in writing by the program on or before 5:00 pm, February 24, 2026.

Written comments and/or requests can be delivered in person, delivered through postal mail, or submitted by email. Please email to: achp.rac@multco.us. Please address all in person deliveries or postal mail to: Rachel Pearl, Interim Director, Department of County Human Services, C/O ACHP, 600 NE 8th Street, Suite 100, Gresham, Oregon 97030.

Requests for postponement are for the purpose of allowing the requesting person an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments. A request for postponement must include a statement of the identity and interest of the requesting person, and of the grounds for requesting postponement.

If, within the review period, ten or more persons, or an association with ten or more members or a corporation requests, in writing, a public hearing on the proposed rule, the director will announce and conduct such hearing. Written requests must be received on or before 5:00 pm, February 24, 2026.

On or before March 6, 2026, after review of all submitted written comments and requests, the DCHS interim director will either postpone action, schedule a public hearing, adopt the proposed rules, reject the proposed rules, or adopt the rules with modifications.