

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED RULES

January 31, 2025

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 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 revision of its existing rules with the clerk of 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:

1. The ACHP is proposing to amend MCARs in order to bring them into compliance with applicable Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs). The state of Oregon has made changes to following the OARs 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; and Chapter 411, Division 360. Revisions address requirements associated with Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS); Senate Bill 99, which mandates protections for LGBTQIA2S+ community members and for individuals living with HIV; and updated requirements for behavioral health licensed adult care homes which require training for use of and maintenance of opioid antagonist medications.

2. 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 between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, from the ACHP office, located at 600 NE 8th Street, Suite 100, Gresham, Oregon 97030.
3. The ACHP invites you to review and submit comments on the proposed rules. Comments must be submitted in writing either in person, by email at achp.rac@multco.us, or by postal mail addressed to: Mohammad Bader, Director, Department of County Human Services, C/O ACHP, 600 NE 8th Street, Suite 100, Gresham, Oregon 97030. Comments must be received by the program on or before February 15, 2025 to be considered.
4. You may also request a postponement of the director's action on the proposed rules in order to submit data, views, or arguments. A request for postponement must be made in writing and submitted as described in #3 above, and must include: a statement of the identity and interest of the requesting person and the grounds for requesting postponement. Requests for postponement must be received by the program on or before February 15, 2025 to be considered.
5. You may also request a public hearing on the proposed rules. If the program receives a hearing request from ten or more persons, from an association with ten or more members, or from a corporation on or before February 15, 2025, the Director of the Department of County Human Services or their designee will announce and conduct a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing and submitted as described in #3 above.

By February 25, 2025, the Director of the Department of County Human Services or their designee, after reviewing submitted comments or requests for postponement, will either postpone action, schedule a public hearing, adopt the proposed rules, reject the proposed rules, or adopt the rules with modifications.