

Home and Community Living Administration  
**Social Leave Listening Session with  
Clients, Families, and Guardians**

**What's Happening:**

- You are invited to provide feedback during a facilitated online Zoom meeting regarding \*Social Leave use for people receiving Medicaid services in an Adult Family Home.
- We have different sessions for
  - Clients, families and guardians,
  - Adult Family Home providers, Adult Family Home Council representatives or advocates
  - Staff of the Department supporting people with Medicaid who live in Adult Family Homes.

**Why It Matters:**

- Sharing your feedback helps us learn what is working well and understand what might be improved to better support the people we serve.
- Partnering with people in our communities is part of our [Mission, Vision, and Values](#).
- Gathering this specific feedback is part of an agreement called a Memorandum of Understanding between the state of Washington and the Adult Family Home Council that represents Adult Family Homes in the [collective bargaining agreement](#) process.

**\*About Social Leave:**

- Social Leave is defined as planned overnight leave from an Adult Family Home for recreational or socialization reasons only. This does not include leave for medical, therapeutic, or recovery needs or incarceration.
- Use of Social Leave is limited to no more than 18 days per calendar year per [WAC 388-110-100 \(2\)](#) and is tracked and reported by Adult Family Home providers for their residents.

**What's Asked of You:**

- If you are a **client, family member, or guardian**, [please select this link to register](#) to join us on **May 4, 2-4 p.m.** to discuss:
  - How adequate the 18-day benefit feels.
  - The criteria and process for requesting days beyond the 18-day benefit.
  - The impact of the benefit on Adult Family Home residents and their families.
  - The impact on the benefit on the Adult Family Homes.

**Who to Contact If You Have Questions:**

- Please email [Paula.Costa@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Paula.Costa@dshs.wa.gov)

Thank you in advance for participating in this important feedback effort!