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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to clarify that a licensed acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner in Washington state is permitted to purchase and administer injectable preparations and other substances for the administration of point injection therapy.

RCW 18.06.010 was revised in the 2021 legislative session to add oxygen, epinephrine and local anesthetics to substances which may be used while providing point injection therapy. In 2016, the RCW allowed for this profession to purchase and administer substances limited to saline, sterile water, herbs, minerals, vitamins in liquid form, and homeopathic and nutritional substances, consistent with the practice of acupuncture Eastern medicine. Point injection therapy also includes injection of local anesthetics, such as lidocaine and procaine and use oxygen and epinephrine for potential emergency purposes. Point injection therapy does not include injection of controlled substances contained in Schedules I through V of the uniform controlled substances act, chapter 69.50 RCW or steroids as defined in RCW 69.41.300.

WAC 246-803-030 Acupuncture or Eastern medicine was amended to read:

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(13) Point injection therapy:

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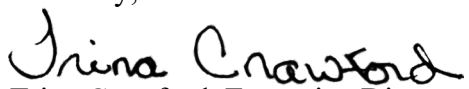
(b) Also includes injection of local anesthetics, such as lidocaine and procaine, for reduction of pain during point injection therapy, consistent with the practice of acupuncture and Eastern medicine and training requirements as defined in WAC 246-803-040.


(c) Used by an acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner who has met the training and education requirements in RCW 18.06.230, may administer oxygen and epinephrine for potential emergency purposes, such as an allergic or adverse reaction, for patient care and safety.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Trina Crawford, Executive Director of the acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner program by phone at 360-236-4890 or email at trina.crawford@doh.wa.gov or Marlee O'Neill, Executive Director of the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission by phone at 360-236-4845 or email at marlee.oneill@doh.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


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