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To Whom It May Concern,

The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) adopted rules to make technical amendments to align with changes to the Health Professions Monitoring Program required by Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5496 without changing the effect. The adopted rules in WAC 246-817-801, 236-817-810, 246-817-820, and 246-817-830 make technical amendments to align with changes required from SSB 5496 without changing the effect.

SSB 5496 (chapter 43, Laws of 2022) updated terminology, definitions, and references for dentists in RCW 18.32.534 and clarified confidentiality protections in RCW 18.130.070 for health professional monitoring programs. The adopted rules are necessary to align existing rules with updates made to statute in SSB 5496.

The adopted amendments to chapters 246-817-901, 246-817-810, 246-817-820, and 246-817-830 WAC will become effective on August 19, 2023. A copy of the adopted rules are attached.

No comments were received.

Any person may petition the adoption or amendment of these rules in accordance with RCW 34.05.330.

For more information regarding these rules you may contact me by email at amber.freeberg@doh.wa.gov or by phone at 360-236-4893.

Cordially,

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