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RE: Collaborative- Residential Treatment Facility (RTF)/Psychiatric Hospital Tribal Attestation Fee Rulemaking

Greeting Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners:

We invite collaboration in establishing a fee for licensing Registered Treatment Facilities (RTFs) and psychiatric hospitals through tribal attestation.

In alignment with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and the [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), this fee would support the administrative costs associated with receiving and tracking tribal attestations, issuing licenses, and processing renewals. [Substitute House Bill \(SHB\) 2075](#) (chapter 204, Laws of 2024) amended [RCW 71.12.460](#) to require the Department of Health to issue licenses to an Indian health care provider, as defined in [RCW 71.24.025](#), that attest to meeting the state minimum licensing and certification requirements for RTFs in chapter [246-337 WAC](#), and private psychiatric hospitals in [chapter 246-322 WAC](#).

[RCW 71.12.460](#) requires the department to establish a fee to cover the administrative processing costs of an attestation. The fee will support the current and future work that Health Systems Quality Assurance credentialing and customer service staff must do to receive and track tribal attestations, produce a license, and issue renewals.

We have coordinated two listening sessions at the [Tribal Centric Behavioral Health Advisory Board \(TCHAB\)](#) to share, listen, and learn:

Meeting Type	Date	Zoom Information
Listening Session 1	Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 11:00am-12:00pm	Zoom ID: 851 2969
Listening Session 2	Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 11:00am-12:00pm	9507 Passcode: 728331

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Respectfully,

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