



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Office of Resiliency and Health Security
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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, & Professionals:

SUBJECT: Collaborative - WA HEALTH Permanent Rule Making Process

We invite collaboration on the permanent [WA HEALTH rule making process](#). The system addresses challenges in patient care during peak demand by providing real-time bed availability data. Enhancing WA HEALTH's interoperability and data-sharing capabilities will improve healthcare response times, resource allocation, and maintain high standards of care as the population grows and demand for emergency services increases.

In alignment with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), the department is considering permanent implementation of the [WA HEALTH](#) data management system for acute care and behavioral health facilities by requiring their participation in entering data. We request participation in the upcoming listening sessions:

Meeting Type	Date	Zoom Information
Listening Session 1	Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 11:00am-12:30pm At the WA Tribal Opioid & Fentanyl Taskforce	Zoom ID: 812 1103 7396 Passcode: 712898
Listening Session 2	Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 3:30-5:00pm At the HCA MTM	Zoom ID: 854 8591 8897 Passcode: 870618

Following the completion of the two listening sessions, a consultation will be requested to discuss the outcomes of these events.

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Respectfully,

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