



STATE OF WASHINGTON
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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April 9, 2025

Re: Collaborative- Residential Treatment Facility (RTF)/Psychiatric Hospital Tribal Attestation Fee Rulemaking Hearing & Public Comment

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals:

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we appreciate your collaboration on the [proposed amendment to RTF and psychiatric hospital licensing](#) (Chapter 246-377 and 246-322 WAC).

This amendment, which implements [Substitute House Bill \(SHB\) 2075](#) (Chapter 204, Laws of 2024), establishes a licensing fee for RTFs and psychiatric hospitals through tribal attestation. A [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#) was sent on September 25, 2024, to invite collaboration. Tribal listening sessions were held in October and November, followed by workshops with tribal partners from December, 2024, through January, 2025. Materials from these sessions are available [here](#).

To provide final comments on the proposed rule, visit the DOH [Rules Comment](#) webpage, email michelle.weatherly@doh.wa.gov, or mail your comments to Attn: Michelle Weatherly, PO Box 47843, Olympia, WA 98504. For the Public Rules Hearing Webinar registration, please refer to the details below.

Meeting Type	Date and Time	Zoom Information
Virtual Webinar	April 22, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.	Register Here

For additional information, please contact Michelle Weatherly, Facilities Program Manager at michelle.weatherly@doh.wa.gov or 360-236-2992, or Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR), at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov or 360-819-7626.

Respectfully,

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