



June 16, 2025

Subject: Informative- Information on Agency Rulemaking June 1-15, 2025

Dear Tribal Leaders,

We thank you for your partnership and guidance on the Washington State Department of Health rulemaking process. As an agency, we are committed to honoring the Tribal sovereignty of Washington's first Nations. As part of this commitment, and in appreciation of the governance structures of Tribal Nations, we welcome your expertise and collaboration in these current and upcoming rulemaking activities. We prioritize Tribal involvement early in the process to better ensure we are incorporating Tribal expertise, perspectives, and transparency in agency rulemaking.

In accordance with [Chapter 43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and the [Department of Health's \(WA-DOH\) Tribal Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), DOH invites you to review the list of rulemaking activities below and actively collaborate with staff on all topics that may be of interest.

We appreciate your feedback, if you have any suggestions or questions about how to best honor Tribal sovereignty and strengthen agency processes, please let us know.

To provide comments or requests for additional information, please contact:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Candice Wilson".

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Department of Health/State Board of Health
Rule Report
June 1-15, 2025

The following Department of Health (WA-DOH) and State Board of Health (SBOH) rules and documents were filed with the Washington State's Code Reviser Office June 1-15, 2025. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact the person on the forms.

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101)

Prescription Hearing Aid Requirements. The Board of Hearing and Speech is considering amendments to chapter 246-828 WAC, addressing telepractice for initial fittings of hearing aids and the recent requirement for hearing tests when fitting prescription hearing aids. Filed as [WSR 25-12-078](#).

Proposed Rules (CR-102)

Nursing Experience and Education Requirements. The Washington State Board of Nursing proposed amendments to education and experience requirements for nurse administrators of baccalaureate nursing education programs in WAC 246-840-517 in response to RCW 18.79.150. Filed as [WSR 25-12-079](#).

Pharmacy Remodel Inspection Requirements. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission proposed amendments to chapter 246-945 WAC to clarify when remodel inspections are required for remodeled pharmacies. Filed as [WSR 25-13-005](#).

Adopted Rules (CR-103P)

No filings.

Emergency Rules (CR-103E)

Shellfish Vibrio Control Plan. WA DOH adopted emergency rules amending WAC 246-282-006 to shift the 2025 start date for stricter harvest control measures to June 6, 2025, in response to early heat and low tides. Filed as [WSR 25-13-014](#).

Expedited Rulemaking (CR-105)

No filings.

Miscellaneous

Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery 2025 schedule of regular meetings. Filed as [WSR 25-13-024](#).

Mental Health Licensing Emergency Rule Rescission. WA DOH rescinded the sixth emergency rule filed as WSR 25-11-057 related to the licensed counselor supervisory directory because permanent rules on the topic have become effective. Filed as [WSR 25-13-039](#).

WA DOH Notice of Adoption for Policy HSQA-21-01 | Temporary practice of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians licensed out-of-state to assist with the impacts of Rite Aid and Bartell Drugs closures in Washington. Filed as [WSR 25-13-006](#).