



July 18, 2025

**Subject: Informative- Information on Agency Rulemaking – July 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Dear Tribal Leaders, Partners and Professionals,

**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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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 July 1-15th, 2025. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact the person on the forms.

### **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101)**

**Environmental Health & Safety (EHS)** – Fee rule update. WA DOH filed a CR-101 to evaluate and potentially revise fees for:

- Decontamination of Illegal Drug Manufacturing or Storage Sites
- Water Recreation Facilities
- Onsite Sewage Systems
- Large Onsite Sewage Systems
- Commercial Shellfish
- Temporary Worker Housing
- Transient Accommodations
- Food Service

Fees may be revised in order to cover operating costs of the program. Filed as [WSR 25-15-015](#).

**Office of Drinking Water (ODW)** – Fee rule update. WA DOH filed a CR-101 to revise fees under drinking water regulations for water system evaluation and project review and approval, certified operator and public water system certification fees in order to cover operating costs. Filed as [WSR 25-15-014](#).

**Office of Radiation Protection (ORP)** – Fee rule update. WA DOH filed a CR-101 to revise fees for services regulated under the Office of Radiation Protection in order to cover operating costs. Filed as [WSR 25-15-013](#).

**Pain Management and Advanced Practice** –Board of Nursing. The Board of Nursing filed a CR101 to consider updates to pain management rules for advanced practice nurses, including consistency with state and national guidelines under WAC 246-840-460 and 246-840-465. Filed as [WSR 25-15-033](#).

## **Proposed Rules (CR-102)**

**Dental Therapy.** WA DOH proposed amendments to establish licensing requirements for dental therapists under newly adopted legislation. Filed as [WSR 25-14-177](#).

**Dietitian and Nutritionist Certification.** WA DOH proposed amendments to WAC 246-822-020 and 246-822-030 to update education and training requirements for certification. These changes provide clarity and alignment with national standards. Filed as [WSR 25-15-032](#).

**Nursing Home Administrators - Administrator-in-training (AIT) programs and endorsement requirements.** The Board of Nursing Home Administrators are proposing amendments to WAC 246-843-090, 246-843-095, and 246-843-230 to reduce barriers for licensure and align with RCW 18.130.077. Filed as [WSR 25-15-075](#).

## **Expedited Rulemaking (CR-105)**

**In-Home Services Audio-Only Telehealth.** WA DOH proposed a technical correction to WAC 246-335-540, updating the citation to RCW 74.09.325 regarding audio-only telemedicine services. Filed as [WSR 25-15-031](#).

## **Emergency Rules (CR-103E)**

No filings

## **Adopted Rules (CR-103P)**

**Childbirth Centers.** WA DOH adopted amendments in chapter 246-329 WAC updating industry language, licensing requirements, and operational standards for birthing centers. Filed as [WSR 25-15-078](#).

**Hearing Screening Standards for School Districts.** SBOH adopted standards for hearing screening standards for school districts which establish requirements for annual preventative hearing and vision screenings. Filed as [WSR 25-15-072](#).

**Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship and Telemedicine.** The Veterinary Board of Governors adopted rule changes to WAC 246-933-200 and 246-933-010 to clarify the conditions under which a veterinarian-client-patient relationship is established via telemedicine. Filed as [WSR 25-15-034](#).

**Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Vendor Rules.** WA DOH adopted amendments to chapter 246-790 WAC revising the WIC vendor requirements, including vendor criteria and application procedures to encourage more vendors to participate. Filed as [WSR 25-15-019](#).

## **Miscellaneous**

**Applied Behavior Analysis Advisory Committee** – 2026 schedule of regular meetings. Filed as [WSR 25-15-001](#).

**Board of Nursing Home Administrators** – Interpretive Statement BNHA25-01 on use of the terms “administrator-in-training” and “administrator residency”. Filed as [WSR 25-15-025](#).

**Board of Optometry** – 2026 schedule of regular meetings. Filed as [WSR 25-15-002](#).

**Dental Quality Assurance Commission** – 2026 schedule of regular meetings. Filed as [WSR 25-15-004](#).

**Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission** – Policy Statement P014.1 on commission approved examinations for pharmacy technicians and pharmacists. Filed as [WSR 25-14-128](#).

**Veterinary Board of Governors** – 2026 schedule of regular meetings. Filed as [WSR 25-15-003](#).

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