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Subject: Informative- Information on Agency Rulemaking July 16–31, 2025

Honorable 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.

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Sincerely,

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Rule Report |
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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 during July 16-31, 2025. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact the person on the forms.

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101)

Disciplinary Action Reporting Timeframes. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission is considering amendments to WAC 246-945-231 to establish clear timeframes for reporting disciplinary actions against licensees. Filed as [WSR 25-15-162](#).

Medication Assistance from Nonpractitioners. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission is considering amending WAC 246-945-714 regulating medication assistance provided by nonpractitioners to bring the rule line with changes made to RCW 69.41.010(15) following the passage of Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1720 (chapter 26, Laws of 2025). Filed as [WSR 25-16-045](#).

Proposed Rules (CR-102)

Anesthesiologist Assistant – Fees. WA DOH in consultation with the Washington Medical Commission proposes amendments to WAC 246-922-990 to establish fees for anesthesiologist assistants following recent rule changes authorizing licensure for this profession. Filed as [WSR 25-15-148](#).

Brief Adjudicated Proceedings – Applicability. WA DOH proposes expanding the applicability of brief adjudicative proceedings under the authority of The Department of Health in WAC 246-10-501 and in Model Procedural Rules for Boards in WAC 246-11-420 to new category types eligible for Brief Adjudicated Proceedings. Files as [WSR 25-16-028](#).

Certificate of Need – PCI Program. WA DOH in consultation with the Washington Medical Commission proposes amending chapter 246-310 WAC to revise requirements related to percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) programs, ensuring alignment with updated standards of care. Filed as [WSR 25-15-150](#).

Certified Peer Support Specialists and Trainees. WA DOH proposes to update training and supervision standards in chapter 246-341 WAC to better support workforce development for certified peer support specialists. Filed as [WSR 25-15-161](#).

Board of Nursing Home Administrators – Administrator-in-Training. The Board of Nursing Home Administrators proposes amending WAC 246-843-090, WAC 246-843-095, and WAC 246-843-230 to reduce licensure barriers by aligning requirements with national standards. Filed as [WSR 25-15-075](#).

Naturopathic Physician Licensure – Fee Removal. WA DOH in consultation with the Board of Naturopathy proposes removing the Jurisprudence exam fee from the Naturopathic physician licensure fees in WAC 246-836-990 to align with the recent changes to the naturopathic licensure requirements. Filed as [WSR 25-15-147](#)

Expedited Rulemaking (CR-105)

Board of Optometry Examination and Licensure Requirements – Citations Update. The Board of Optometry filed an expedited proposal to update citations in WAC 246-851-490 related to examination and licensure requirements. Filed as WSR [25-15-095](#).

Emergency Rules (CR-103E)

No Filings.

Adopted Rules (CR-103P)

Childbirth Centers. WA DOH adopted updates to chapter 246-329 WAC revising industry terminology, licensing standards, and operational requirements for childbirth centers. Filed as [WSR 25-15-078](#).

Home Care Aide Certification – Exemption Expansion. WA DOH adopted amendments to WAC 246-980-025 and 246-980-110 allowing expanded exemptions from certification requirements for home care aides. Filed as [WSR 25-15-128](#).

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technologists Certification. WA DOH adopted rules creating a new section and amending chapter 246-926 WAC to implement SHB 2355, establishing certification requirements for MRI technologists and making related updates. Filed as [WSR 25-16-010](#).

Orthotics and Prosthetics Licensure – JP Examination. WA DOH adopted amendments to WAC 246-850-060, 246-850-140, and 246-850-150 establishing jurisprudence exam requirements for orthotics and prosthetics licensure. Filed as [WSR 25-16-046](#).

Miscellaneous Filings

AIDS Education Enforcement Policy Statement – Rescission. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission rescinded policy statement P005 on enforcement of AIDS education and training requirements because recent legislation repealed those requirements in law. Filed as [WSR 25-15-118](#).

Board of Nursing Home Administrators – 2026 Meeting Schedule. Filed as [WSR 25-16-043](#).

Board of Nursing – 2026 Meeting Schedule. Filed as [WSR 25-15-104](#).

Board of Physical Therapy – 2026 Meeting Schedule. Filed as [WSR 25-15-097](#).

Pharmacy Temporary Practice Policy Statement. WA DOH issued a policy statement HSQA-25-01.1 allowing temporary practice for out-of-state licensed pharmacists and technicians assisting with impacts of Bartell and Rite-Aid closures in Washington. Filed as [WSR 25-15-081](#).