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To Whom It May Concern,

The department is adopting amendments to WAC 246-976-260 and WAC 246-976-270.

The adopted new rule in WAC 246-976-260 and WAC 246-976-270 will become effective on October 24, 2025. A copy of the adopted rules are attached.

1. Identify the agency's reasons for adopting this rule.

The Department of Health (department) is amending rules to incorporate changes made by Substitute Senate bill (SSB) 5986 (chapter 218, Laws of 2024), Out-of-Network health care charges – ground ambulance services, licensed ground EMS services.

The adopted rules clarify the department's role related to ground ambulance balance billing regulations, provide licensed services with visibility of the department's disciplinary role for enforcement of ground ambulance balance billing regulations, and the potential action the department could take on an EMS service license for violations of the standards.

2. Is the adopted rule different from the text of the proposed rule as published in the Washington State Register? YES ☐ or NO ☒

If yes, explain why the rule was changed.

3. By category or subject matter, summarize all comments received since filing the CR-102 regarding the proposed rule, program's responses, and either how the final rule reflects agency consideration of those comments or why the agency cannot use those comments.

No comments received.

4. Describe any remaining public opposition to the rule.

No public opposition to the rule.

Any person may petition the adoption or amendment of these rules in accordance with RCW 34.05.330.

For more information regarding these rules, you may contact me by email at Jason Norris, EMS Prehospital Liaison at [jason.norris@doh.wa.gov](mailto:jason.norris@doh.wa.gov) or (360) 236-2581.

Cordially,

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