



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

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WSR 25-23-066

Agency: Department of Health – Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission

Original Notice

Supplemental Notice to WSR

Continuance of WSR

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 25-16-045; or

Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR ____; or

Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or

Proposal is exempt under RCW ____.

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) Medication Assistance Services Provided by Nonpractitioners - Expanding the types of actions allowed. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is proposing to amend WAC 246-945-714 related to the regulation of medication assistance provided by nonpractitioners. The proposed amendments bring WAC 246-945-714 in line with changes made to RCW 69.41.010(15) following the passage of Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1720 (chapter 26, Laws of 2025).

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
2/5/2026	9:30 a.m.	<p>Physical location: Labor & Industries Building 7273 Linderson Way SW Tumwater, WA 98501</p> <p>Virtual: To access the meeting on February 5, 2026 at 9:00 am, go to https://zoom.us/join or https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86309299195 and use the Webinar ID 863 0929 9195</p> <p>The access options include one tap mobile: US: +12532158782,,86309299195# or +16699009128,,86309299195#</p> <p>Or Telephone: Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): US: +1 253 215 8782 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 444 9171 or +1 386 347 5053 or</p>	The commission will hold a hybrid hearing. Attendees are welcome to attend either in-person at the physical location or virtual via Zoom.

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Date of intended adoption: 2/5/2026 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Submit written comments to: Name Joshua Munroe Address PO Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852 Email PharmacyRules@doh.wa.gov Fax 360-236-2901 Other https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/policyreview Beginning (date and time) The date and time of filing By (date and time) January 22, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.	Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact Joshua Munroe Phone 360-502-5058 Fax 360-236-2901 TTY 711 Email PharmacyRules@doh.wa.gov Other None By (date) January 22, 2026
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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The 2025 Washington State Legislature passed SHB 1720, which expands the types of medication assistance that may be provided to residents of community-based care settings. SHB 1720 amends RCW 69.41.010 and allows a nonpractitioner to set up diabetic devices for self-administration or hand injectable medications to an individual for self-administration. These services are now allowed under the scope of medication assistance as defined in RCW 69.41.010(15).

The commission adopted a rule on the topic of medication assistance in 2025, which was filed under WSR 25-08-072 and went into effect on May 2, 2025. The rule updated and re-established medication assistance language under the commission’s regulatory jurisdiction. WAC 246-945-714, one of the sections of rule created under the commission’s medication assistance rule, mirrors language from RCW 69.41.010(15) to outline which actions are and are not allowed for nonpractitioners in the provision of medication assistance. With the passage of SHB 1720, the commission determined that it needed to amend WAC 246-945-714 to reflect the changes made in the statute.

The goal of the proposed rule is to provide clarity to regulated entities that the medication assistance rules under the commission’s jurisdiction match changes made in SHB 1720 relating to duties allowed for nonpractitioners providing medication assistance services.

Reasons supporting proposal: The proposed amendments bring WAC 246-945-714 in line with changes made to RCW 69.41.010(15) following the passage of Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1720. The goal of the proposed rule is to provide clarity to regulated entities that the medication assistance rules under the commission’s jurisdiction match changes made in SHB 1720 relating to duties allowed for nonpractitioners providing medication assistance services.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.64.005 and 69.41.010(15)

Statute being implemented: SHB 1720 (chapter 26, Laws of 2025) codified in RCW 69.41.010

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: None.

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission
Type of proponent: Private. Public. Governmental.

Name of agency personnel responsible for:			
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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under [RCW 28A.305.135](#)? Yes No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

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Is a cost-benefit analysis required under [RCW 34.05.328](#)?

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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No: Please explain: The proposed amendments to WAC 246-945-714 incorporates without material change regulation outlined in RCW 69.41.010(15) made by SHB 1720.

Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement
 Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance \(ORIA\)](#) provides support in completing this part.

(1) Identification of exemptions:
 This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](#)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](#). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.061](#) because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.
 Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by [RCW 34.05.313](#) before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of [RCW 15.65.570\(2\)](#) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(3\)](#). Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b) (Internal government operations)	<input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e) (Dictated by statute)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c) (Incorporation by reference)	<input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f) (Set or adjust fees)
<input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d) (Correct or clarify language)	<input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g) ((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit)

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(4\)](#). (Does not affect small businesses).

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW _____.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule: SHB 1720 expands the types of medication assistance that may be provided to residents of community-based care settings. It amends RCW 69.41.010 and allows a nonpractitioner to set up diabetic devices for self-administration or hand injectable medications to an individual for self-administration. The proposed rule incorporates without material change language from RCW 69.41.010 and aligns the rule with the statute

(2) Scope of exemptions: *Check one.*

- The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. (*Skip section 3.*) Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.
- The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):
- The rule proposal: Is not exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) No exemptions were identified above.

(3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

- No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs.
- Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

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Date: November 18, 2025

Name: Hawkins DeFrance, PharmD

Title: Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Chair

Signature:



WAC 246-945-714 Medication assistance by nonpractitioners. (1)

An individual may receive medication assistance from nonpractitioners. Medication assistance only includes:

- (a) Reminding or coaching the individual to take their medication;
- (b) Handing the individual their medication container;
- (c) Opening the individual's medication container;
- (d) Using an enabler, except if a nonpractitioner uses the individual's hand as an enabler, the nonpractitioner may only steady or guide an individual's hand while the individual administers a medication to themselves and may not engage in "hand-over-hand" administration;
- (e) Placing the individual's medication in their hand;
- (f) ~~((Handing an individual their prefilled insulin syringe))~~

Setting up a diabetic device for self-administration;

(g) Handing injectable medication to an individual for self-administration;

(h) The transfer of an individual's medication from one container to another container for the purpose of preparing an individual dose;
or

~~((h))~~ (i) Medication alteration. An individual must be aware that their medication has been altered.

(2) A nonpractitioner shall only perform the medication assistance described in subsection (1) ~~((g) and (h))~~ (h) and (i) of this section, where a practitioner has determined and communicated orally or by written direction that such medication preparation assistance is necessary and appropriate.

(3) A nonpractitioner shall not provide medication assistance to individuals that involves intravenous medications or injectable medications, except ~~((handing an individual their prefilled insulin syringes))~~ setting up diabetic devices for self-administration or handing injectable medications to an individual for self-administration.