

January 20, 2026

Subject: Informative- Department of Health Rulemaking Correction for January 1-15, 2026

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.

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

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Sincerely,



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Department of Health & State Board of Health Rulemaking

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 January 1–15, 2026. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact the person listed on the filing forms.

Proposed Rules (CR-101)

No Filings

Proposed Rules (CR-102)

Clarification on the usage of silver diamine fluoride in school programs. WA DOH, in consultation with the Dental Quality Assurance Commission and the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee, is proposing amendments to WAC 246-814-020 to clarify authorized use of silver diamine fluoride by dental hygienist and dental assistants in school settings. WA DOH is also proposing amendments to WAC 246-814-030 to remove outdated requirements for dental assistants and their supervising dentists, as well as dental hygienists to participate in oral health coalition meetings. Filed as [WSR 26-02-062](#).

Dental licensure requirements. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission is proposing amendments to WAC 246-817-135 and WAC 246-817-160 to remove requirements related to federal or state tax numbers when applying for licensure without examination and clarify educational pathways for graduates of non-accredited dental schools seeking licensure. Filed as [WSR 26-03-002](#).

Exception Rules (CR105)

No Filings

Adopted Rules (CR 103)

No Filings

Emergency Rules (CR103E)

No Filings

Miscellaneous Filings

2026 FIFA World Cup Events in Washington. WA DOH adopted a policy statement exercising enforcement discretion to allow internationally licensed health care providers to provide care during the FIFA World Cup 2026 events in Washington. Filed as [WSR 26-03-029](#).

Abbreviated Coordinated Water System Plan Guidance—Rescission. WA DOH rescinded an interpretive statement on abbreviated coordinated water system plans because it was outdated. Filed as [WSR 26-03-053](#).

Alternative Water Supplies—Rescission. WA DOH rescinded a policy statement addressing the provision of alternative water supplies because it was superseded by updated guidance. Filed as [WSR 26-03-051](#).

Hydraulic Connection Source Requirements—Rescission. WA DOH rescinded a policy statement related to deferred disinfection requirements for sources hydraulically connected to surface water because it is outdated and does not reflect current business practices. Filed as [WSR 26-03-052](#).

Sanitary Survey Fees for Public Water Systems—Rescission. WA DOH rescinded an interpretive statement clarifying sanitary survey fee charges due to adopted changes to WAC 246-290-990. Filed as [WSR 26-03-049](#).

Unregulated Purchasing Water Systems—Rescission. WA DOH rescinded an interpretive statement regarding billing for unregulated water systems because it is outdated and no longer necessary. Filed as [WSR 26-03-050](#).