

February 24, 2026

**Subject: Informative- Department of Health Rulemaking Correction for January 16-31, 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 February 16-31, 2026. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact the person listed on the filing forms.

**Considered Rules (CR-101)**

No filings

**Proposed Rules (CR-102)**

Advanced Suicide Prevention Training Requirements for Mental Health Professionals. WA DOH is proposing new sections WAC 246-12-633, WAC 246-12-635, and WAC 246-12-637 to establish advanced suicide prevention training standards for fully licensed and associate-level psychologists, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, and social workers. Filed as [WSR 26-04-090](#).

**Expedited Rules (CR-105)**

No filings

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

No filings

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

No filings

**Miscellaneous Filings**

**Adequacy Responses for Group A Water Systems—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded a policy statement addressing adequacy responses for group A water systems due to adopted changes to WAC 246-294-040. Filed as [WSR 26-04-054](#).

**Approved Backflow Prevention Assemblies—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded an interpretive statement addressing approved backflow prevention assemblies due to adopted changes to WAC 246-290-490. Filed as [WSR 26-04-052](#).

**Backflow Assembly Tester Professional Growth Period—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded a policy statement addressing backflow assembly tester professional growth period because it was outdated. Filed as [WSR 26-04-056](#).

**Consumer Acceptance Related to Secondary Contaminants on TNC Systems—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded an interpretive statement addressing consumer acceptance related to secondary contaminants on TNC systems due to adopted changes to WAC 246-290-320. Filed as [WSR 26-04-051](#).

**Dental Hygiene Examining Committee – Revised 2026 schedule of regular meetings.** Filed as [WSR 26-04-079](#).

**Discontinuing Water Service Because of a Cross-Connection Hazard—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded an interpretive statement addressing discontinuing water service because of a cross-connect hazard due to adopted changes to WAC 246-290-490. Filed as [WSR 26-04-055](#).

**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund 1997 Application and Guidelines—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded these guidelines because rules addressing this topic were adopted in WAC 246-296. Filed as [WSR 26-04-063](#).

**Non-emergency Public Water System Interties—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded an interpretive statement addressing non-emergency public water system interties due to adopted changes to WAC 246-290-132. Filed as [WSR 26-04-050](#).

**Penalty Settlement—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded a policy statement addressing penalty settlement due to the adoption of enforcement sections in chapter 246-290 WAC. Filed as [WSR 26-04-049](#).

**Planning Requirements for Systems Physically Consolidating with Other Public Water Systems—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded an interpretive statement addressing planning requirements for systems physically consolidating with other public water systems due to adopted changes to WAC 246-290-100 and WAC 246-290-105. Filed as [WSR 26-04-058](#).

**Problem Systems Required to Submit a Water System Plan or a Small Water System Management Program—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded an interpretive statement addressing when problem systems are required to submit a water system plan or a small water system management program because it was outdated. Filed as [WSR 26-04-057](#).

**Sewage Disposal Guidelines for Vessels—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded a policy statement addressing sewage disposal guidelines for vessels because it was outdated. Filed as [WSR 26-04-060](#).

**Small Water System Management Programs in Lieu of Water System Plans for Non-expanding Systems in Critical Water Supply Service Areas—Rescission.** WA DOH rescinded an interpretive statement addressing small water system management programs in lieu of water system plans for non-expanding systems in critical water supply service areas because it was outdated. Filed as [WSR 26-04-059](#).

**Vibrio parahaemolyticus Illness Exemption to Closure**—Rescission. WA DOH rescinded a policy statement addressing exemption to closure related to vibrio parahaemolyticus illness because it was outdated. Filed as [WSR 26-04-048](#).

**Voluntary Water Sampling for Growing Area Classifications**—Rescission. WA DOH rescinded a policy statement addressing voluntary water sampling for growing area classifications because it was outdated. Filed as [WSR 26-04-053](#).

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