

March 17, 2026

Subject: Informative- DOH-SBOH Information on Agency Rulemaking March 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](#), WA-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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Department of Health/State Board of Health**Agency Rulemaking****March 1-15, 2026**

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

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101)

Dentist Licensure Fees—Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP) Surcharge. WA DOH, in consultation with the Dental Quality Assurance Commission, filed a CR-101 to consider amendments to WAC 246-817-990 to add the impaired practitioner program surcharge to initial dentist licensure and remove outdated fee information. Filed as [WSR 26-07-017](#).

On-site Sewage Systems—Minimum horizontal separations. SBOH filed a CR-101 to consider amendments to WAC 246-272A-0210 to clarify minimum horizontal separation distances for surface water used as a public or nonpublic drinking water source and to correct technical and editorial errors throughout chapter 246-272A WAC. Filed as [WSR 26-07-010](#).

Proposed Rules (CR-102)

Home Care Aide Certification—Standardizing Basic Training Requirements. WA DOH filed a CR-102 proposing amendments to WAC 246-980-025, 246-980-030, 246-980-040, and 246-980-065 to clarify exemptions from certification, update training requirements, and extend timelines for long-term care workers to complete certification requirements. The proposal implements SHB 1142 and SB 5672. Filed as [WSR 26-07-005](#).

Radionuclide Emissions Standards. WA DOH filed a CR-102 proposing amendments to rules governing radionuclide emissions standards to align regulatory requirements with updated federal standards and ensure continued oversight of radiological emissions affecting public health. Filed as [WSR 26-06-084](#)

Expedited Rulemaking (CR-105)

No filings

Emergency Rules (CR-103E)

Home Care Aide Certification—Continuation of Extended Certification Timeline. WA DOH filed a third emergency rule continuing amendments to WAC 246-980-025, 246-980-030, 246-980-040, and 246-980-065 to extend the timeline for long-term care workers to complete home care aide certification requirements from 200 days to 365 days (or 425 days with a provisional certificate). The rule maintains workforce capacity while permanent rulemaking proceeds. Filed as [WSR 26-07-028](#).

[Adopted Rules \(CR-103P\)](#)

Animal Health Care Tasks—Delegation and Supervision Standards. The Veterinary Board of Governors adopted amendments to WAC 246-935-010, 246-935-040, and 246-935-050 to clarify supervision levels and the delegation of animal health care tasks to veterinary technicians and unregistered assistants and to align Washington standards with industry practice. Filed as [WSR 26-07-008](#).

Farmers Market Nutrition Program—Authorized Mobile Markets. WA DOH adopted amendments to chapter 246-780 WAC implementing ESSB 5214 to allow authorized mobile markets to participate in the Farmers Market Nutrition Program and to establish application processes and operational requirements for mobile markets serving WIC and senior nutrition participants. Filed as [WSR 26-06-076](#).

[Miscellaneous Filings](#)

No filings