



Concise Explanatory Statement

Summary of comments and agency responses regarding the Hospital Financial Data Reporting rule proposed under WSR 24-22-090 impacting chapter 246-454 WAC and WAC 246-451-010 and 246-451-050.

In response to Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1272 (chapter 162, Laws of 2021), the Department of Health (department) is adopting amendments to simplify existing rules regarding the uniform system for hospitals for accounting, financial reporting, budgeting, and cost allocation.

Instructions for the uniform system for hospital financial reporting are provided to hospitals within the Washington State Department of Health Accounting and Reporting Manual for Hospitals (Accounting Manual). Both the Accounting Manual and requirements in WAC 246-454-020, 246-454-090, and 246-454-110 contain separate, and competing update and distribution processes. To eliminate confusion for hospitals required to report financial data, the department has removed references to the Accounting Manual from rules and repealed WAC 246-454-020, 246-454-090, and 246-454-110 to eliminate the outdated processes in favor of maintaining the updated, current practice described in the Accounting Manual.

Additionally, adopted amendments update outdated language and references within chapter 246-454 WAC, and two sections of Hospitals-Assessments and Related Reports, WAC 246-451-010 and 246-451-050.

General Comments and Recommendations

There were no comments received regarding the adopted rules.

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 the program by email at hos@doh.wa.gov.

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