



Subject: Department of Health Listening Sessions - Equitable Health Profession Licensing Fees

The Department of Health (Department) is conducting a project to evaluate health profession licensing fees across multiple professions. This effort focuses specifically on fees paid by licensed health care professionals and is being conducted in response to direction from the state legislature.

A central goal of this project is to ensure that licensing fees are equitable, transparent, and aligned with the cost of regulation. The Department is seeking input from licensed professionals, associations, and community members to better understand how current fee structures may impact different professions and populations.

Listening Sessions

The Department has scheduled the following virtual listening sessions to gather feedback:

1) Equitable Fee Structure Listening Session 1:

Monday, April 27

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Register here to participate:

[Equitable Fee Structure Listening Session 1: Monday, April 27, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.](#)

2) Equitable Fee Structure Listening Session 2:

Tuesday, April 28

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Register here to participate:

[Equitable Fee Structure Listening Session 2: Tuesday, April 28, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.](#)

3) Equitable Fee Structure Listening Session 3:

Wednesday, April 29

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Register here to participate:

[Equitable Fee Structure Listening Session 3: Wednesday, April 29, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.](#)

4) Equitable Fee Structure Listening Session 4:

Thursday, April 30

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Register here to participate:

[Equitable Fee Structure Listening Session 4: Thursday, April 30, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.](#)

Note: You are welcome to participate in one or more of these listening sessions. However, please note that each session uses a different link and requires separate registration. The information and materials shared by the Department of Health will be the same for all sessions; only the comments provided by attendees may differ.

Participant Feedback Requested

The following questions are provided as examples and are not exhaustive:

- Are there aspects of the fee structure that create challenges for applicants or license holders?
- What factors should the Department consider when evaluating licensing fees?
- Are there other concerns related to licensing costs the Department should be aware of?

Language Access and Accommodations

Spanish interpretation, American Sign Language (ASL), and live captioning (CART) will be available. If you require an accommodation or additional language services, please contact us as soon as possible. We will make every effort to fulfill requests, though timelines may limit availability.

Submitting Written Comments

Written comments may be submitted by April 30, 2026, using one of the following options:

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