

May 1, 2026

Subject: Informative- DOH-SBOH Information on Agency Rulemaking April 16-30, 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.

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

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Sincerely,



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Agency Rulemaking

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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 April 16-30, 2026. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact the person listed on the filing forms.

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101)

Pharmacy Personnel Examinations and Procedures. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission filed a CR-101 to consider amendments to WAC 246-945-165 and 246-945-205 and possible new sections to establish commission-approved examinations for pharmacy technicians and pharmacists and reexamination processes. Filed as [WSR 26-10-009](#).

Trauma Rehabilitation Service Standards. WA DOH filed a CR-101 to consider amendments to WAC 246-976-800 to align trauma rehabilitation service standards with updated national accreditation standards and clinical practices. Filed as [WSR 26-09-137](#).

Proposed Rules (CR-102)

Commercial Shellfish Fees. WA DOH proposed amendments to WAC 246-282-990 to align fee amounts with the 2026 Supplemental Operating Budget and legislative limits on commercial shellfish fees. Filed as [WSR 26-09-108](#).

Local Board of Health Membership. SBOH proposed amendments to Chapter 246-90 WAC to establish timelines and clarify requirements for modifying Local Board of Health membership to incorporate Tribal representation under Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1946. Filed as [WSR 26-09-104](#).

Office of Radiation Protection Contact Information. WA DOH proposed amendments to WAC 246-222-080 and 246-243-205 to remove outdated contact information and make editorial changes to improve clarity without changing rule effect. Filed as [WSR 26-10-014](#).

Osteopathic Physician Continuing Education Requirements. The Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery proposed amendments to WAC 246-853-080 to add maintenance of certification as an additional pathway for meeting continuing education requirements. Filed as [WSR 26-09-112](#).

Pharmacy Mobile Opioid Treatment Program Unit. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission proposed amendments to WAC 246-945-060 and 246-945-250 to allow mobile opioid treatment program units to operate under a parent registration and update facility requirements. Filed as [WSR 26-09-118](#).

Expedited Rulemaking (CR-105)

No filings.

Emergency Rules (CR-103E)

No filings.

Adopted Rules (CR-103P)

Air Emissions Federal Standards Update. WA DOH adopted amendments to WAC 246-247-035, updating the incorporated federal standards publication date to align with current EPA requirements. Filed as [WSR 26-09-105](#).

Silver Diamine Fluoride Requirements for Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants in School-linked Programs. WA DOH, in consultation with the Dental Quality Assurance Commission, adopted amendments to WAC 246-814-020 and 246-814-030 to clarify that dental hygienists and dental assistants may apply silver diamine fluoride in school-based and school-linked programs. The rule also removes the requirement for dental hygienists, dental assistants, and supervising dentists to participate in oral health coalition meetings. Filed as [WSR 26-10-025](#).

Miscellaneous Filings

Commercial Shellfish Fees—CR-101 withdrawal. WA DOH withdrew a previously filed CR-101 for WAC 246-282-990 published as WSR 26-02-037 due to legislative budget provisos limiting fee increases and requiring further analysis of fee structures. Filed as [WSR 26-09-097](#).

Environmental Justice Council—Revised 2026 schedule of regular meetings. Filed as [WSR 26-09-099](#).

Governor’s Interagency Council on Health Disparities—Revised 2026 schedule of regular meetings. Filed as [WSR 26-09-119](#).

Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants—Revised 2026 schedule of regular meetings. Filed as [WSR 26-09-132](#).