October 27, 2026

Subject: Informative - Department of Health/State Board of Health Code Reviser Filings October 1-15, 2026.

Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals,

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 thank you for your partnership and guidance on the Washington State Department of Health (WA-DOH) 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.

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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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 during October 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)

Allopathic Physician and Surgeon, Physician Assistant, and Anesthesiologist Assistant Fees—WAC 246-919-990, WAC 246-918-990, and WAC 246-921-990. WA DOH, in consultation with the Washington Medical Commission, is considering adjusting licensing fees to support operating costs and reserve levels and establishing a fee for the limited license for international medical graduates under SSB 5185. This CR-101 expands the scope of the previously filed inquiry to include anesthesiologist assistant fees. Filed as WSR 26-20-093.

Delayed Ambulance Billing—WAC 246-976-270 and chapter 246-976 WAC. WA DOH is considering amendments to implement ESHB 1187, which protects patients involved in motor vehicle accidents from delayed ambulance billing and related collections, and to clarify requirements for ambulance services and WA DOH enforcement. Filed as WSR 26-21-005.

Proposed Rules (CR-102)

Medical Cannabis Product Compliance—WAC 246-70-010 through WAC 246-70-090 and New WAC 246-70-100. WA DOH is proposing amendments to update cannabis terminology, revise medical cannabis product classifications and THC and CBD thresholds, update labeling and product transparency requirements, and align quality assurance testing standards; a new section would clarify statutory medical cannabis tax exemptions. Filed as WSR 26-20-094.

Expedited Rulemaking (CR-105)

No filings.

Emergency Rules (CR-103E)

No filings.

Adopted Rules (CR-103P)

Osteopathic Fees and Renewal Cycle—WAC 246-853-990. WA DOH, in consultation with the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, adopted amendments reducing certain osteopathic physician licensing and renewal fees, removing state examination and reexamination fees, and adding the Washington Physicians Health Program surcharge to initial licensure. The rules take effect March 2, 2027. Filed as WSR 26-21-040.

Temporary Worker Housing—WAC 246-358-010, WAC 246-358-025, WAC 246-358-027, WAC 246-358-080, WAC 246-358-990, and WAC 246-359-550. WA DOH adopted amendments defining and incorporating "site operation date," aligning carbon monoxide alarm and smoke detector provisions with the state building code, removing gendered language, and making editorial updates. Filed as WSR 26-20-096.

Miscellaneous Filings

Allopathic Physician and Surgeon and Physician Assistant Fees—Withdrawal of CR-101. WA DOH withdrew the preproposal statement of inquiry for WAC 246-919-990 and WAC 246-918-990 previously filed as WSR 26-16-043, in anticipation of a new inquiry expanding the scope to include anesthesiologist assistant fees under WAC 246-921-990. Filed as WSR 26-20-092.

Board of Hearing and Speech—Schedule of regular meetings for 2027. Filed as WSR 26-21-035.

Reconstitution of Medications by Medical Assistant-Certified and Medical Assistant-Registered—Interpretive Statement IS20-01.1. WA DOH issued a revised interpretive statement clarifying that medication administration may include reconstitution, including vaccines, under appropriate delegation and supervision; the revision updates cross-references and adds WAC 246-827-0340 regarding delegation to medical assistant-registered personnel. Filed as WSR 26-21-003.

Veterinary Board of Governors—Revised schedule of regular meetings for 2026. Filed as WSR 26-21-022.

Washington Medical Commission—Schedule of business meetings for 2027. Filed as WSR 26-21-007.

Washington Medical Commission—Schedule of Policy Committee and Policy: Interested Parties meetings for 2027. Filed as WSR 26-21-008.