



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

*PO Box 47852 Olympia, Washington 98504-7852*

July 2, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader:

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Rulemaking – Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
In accordance with chapter 43.376 RCW and the Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989, we invite collaboration with Indian tribes and tribal organizations in the development of policies, agreements, and program implementation that directly affects Indian tribes and tribal people. Therefore, please be advised we are in the process of rulemaking for osteopathic physicians regarding the provision of anesthesia in a dental setting.

**Purpose**

The board will consider rulemaking to regulate the use of anesthesia by osteopathic physicians in a dental setting. Possible subjects the board may address are effective perioperative communication, appropriate charting, appropriate equipment, recovery and discharge requirements, emergency care, and reporting adverse events. The board may also consider other subjects pertaining to the provision of anesthesia in a dental setting that arise during stakeholder work.

**Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Programs/Urban Indian Health Organizations**

We would appreciate any input or concerns that tribal representatives wish to share, including whether this rulemaking on the provision of anesthesia in a dental setting will have disproportionate impact on American Indian/Alaska Native people, Indian Health Program, or Urban Indian Health Organizations.

**Comments and Questions**

Our division would appreciate any input or concerns that tribal representatives wish to share regarding this action. To request a copy of the materials specific to the action, or to provide comments, please contact Tracie Drake, program manager, by telephone at 360-236-4766 or by email at [Tracie.Drake@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Tracie.Drake@doh.wa.gov).

Please contact Tamara Fife, our agency's Tribal Relations Director, by telephone at 360-870-8903 if you would like to request a formal consultation with the agency or if you have tribal-affairs related questions.

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Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renee Fullerton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Renee Fullerton, Executive Director  
Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
Office of Health Professions  
Health Systems Quality Assurance

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