



Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission

Policy Statement

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Title:	Enforcement of AIDS Education and Training Rules	Number: P005
References:	Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1551 (codified under RCW 70.24.260 ; RCW 70.24.270 ; and RCW 70.24.310); chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8; WAC 246-945-162(4), WAC 246-945-205(2)(b), WAC 246-945-200(2)	
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The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) will not enforce AIDS training and education requirements in chapter 246-12 WAC, part 8; WAC 246-945-162(4); WAC 246-945-205(2)(b); and WAC 246-945-200(2) while rules are being repealed to comply with Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB)1551 enacted in law by the Washington State Legislature in 2020.

The following laws are repealed as a result of [ESHB 1551](#):

- RCW [70.24.260](#) Emergency medical personnel – Rules for AIDS education and training
- RCW [70.24.270](#) Health professionals—Rules for AIDS education and training
- RCW [70.24.310](#) Health care facility employees—Rules for AIDS education and training

As a result of these laws being repealed, the Department of Health will repeal and not enforce chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8. Correspondingly, the commission will repeal WAC 246-945-162(4), WAC 246-945-205(2)(b), and WAC 246-945-200(2). These rules require AIDS education as required in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8 for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy assistants. The commission will no longer require these rules in support of this legislation and reducing stigma towards people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH).

When Washington adopted statutes concerning AIDS, very little was known about the disease compared to today. Now, AIDS has become treatable and preventable. Governor Inslee issued a [proclamation](#) in 2014 supporting [End AIDS Washington](#); a statewide initiative to reduce new HIV cases by 50% by the end of 2020, and part of this effort includes statutory and other changes to reduce stigma. ESHB 1551 repeals statutes concerning AIDS education and training for emergency medical personnel, health professionals, and health care facility employees to help reduce stigma towards PLWH by not singling

out AIDS as an exceptional disease that requires specific training and education separate from other health conditions. ESHB 1551 also tasks all health profession boards and commission with repealing all rules requiring AIDS education.

Effective July 1, 2020, the commission will not enforce AIDS training and education requirements in WAC 246-945-162(4), WAC 246-945-205(2)(b), and WAC 246-945-200(2) while these sections are being repealed.



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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF A POLICY STATEMENT

Title of Policy Statement: Enforcement of AIDS Education and Training Rules. Policy Number: P005

Issuing Entity: Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission

Subject Matter: The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission will not enforce AIDS training, education, and documentation requirements in WAC 246-945-162(4); WAC 246-945-205(2)(b); WAC 246-945-200(2); and chapter [246-12](#) WAC, Part 8 while rules are being repealed to comply with Engross Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1551 enacted in law by the Washington State Legislature in 2020.

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