

NEW SECTION

**WAC 246-490-200 Electronic reporting of deaths.** All deaths that occur in Washington state, excluding fetal deaths, must be reported electronically using the format and system prescribed by the state registrar.



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

## CR-103P (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.360)

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**Agency:** Department of Health

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- 31 days after filing.
- Other (specify) 01/01/2018 (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes  No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** WAC 246-490-200 will require the electronic reporting of deaths and will no longer allow submitting death reports using paper forms. The rule will affect funeral directors, health care providers, and others who certify the cause of death, as well as deputy registrars receiving death reports for filing with the Department of Health (department). Each will be able to complete their portion of a death report electronically through a web application. The rule will eliminate the need for funeral directors to travel to those who certify death reports and to deputy registrars in order to complete death reports, resulting in more timely submission of death reports. Electronic reporting will accelerate reporting of death data to the department and support rapid surveillance and response to communicable disease and other health threats.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

- New: WAC 246-490-200
- Repealed: None
- Amended: None
- Suspended: None

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 70.58.061

**Other authority:** RCW 43.70.150

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 17-16-066 on 07/25/2017 (date).  
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

Federal statute:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	<u>1</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

Negotiated rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Pilot rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Other alternative rule making:	New	<u>1</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

**Date Adopted:** 10/26/2017

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**Signature:**

