WAC 246-335-712 License required. (1) A person must possess a current license issued by the department before advertising, operating, managing, conducting, opening or maintaining a hospice care center.

(2) Prior to being approved to provide hospice care center services, an applicant must:

(a) Be licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW as an in-home services agency licensed to provide hospice services;

(b) Submit to the department an application to add hospice care center services to their existing in-home services license;

(c) Submit to the department fees specified in WAC 246-335-990;

(d) Obtain a certificate of need under chapter 70.38 RCW. A separate application and fee is required to go through the certificate of need process;

(e) Complete the department's construction review services process. A separate application and fee is required to go through the construction review services process;

(f) Receive a certificate of occupancy by local building officials;

(g) Develop and operationalize policies and procedures addressing the content of this chapter for the service category(ies) to be provided and consistent with WAC 246-335-320 (2)(g);

(h) Provide other information as required by the department; and

(i) Meet the requirements of this chapter as determined by an initial survey completed by the department.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.127.120 and 43.70.250. WSR 18-06-093, § 246-335-712, filed 3/6/18, effective 4/6/18.]