

**WAC 415-04-040 What will the department do after receiving my petition?** The department's petition examiner will:

- (1) Acknowledge receipt of your petition;
- (2) Notify persons or entities potentially impacted by the outcome of the process, such as the member, current or former employer(s), designated beneficiaries, or former spouse, that you filed a petition;
- (3) If deemed necessary or useful, request additional information at any time;
- (4) Issue a written decision within ninety days of the date the department received your petition, unless that deadline is extended for good cause; and
- (5) If deemed necessary or useful, and without issuing a petition decision, refer the petition back to the appropriate administrator for a new determination if:
  - (a) The petition adds new issues or facts that have not been addressed in the plan administrator's final determination; or
  - (b) The administrator did not have access to information that may have changed the outcome of the administrative determination.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.50.050(5). WSR 16-12-051, § 415-04-040, filed 5/25/16, effective 6/25/16; WSR 04-09-042, § 415-04-040, filed 4/14/04, effective 5/15/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.50.050(5), 41.50.050, 41.50.060. WSR 01-18-018, § 415-04-040, filed 8/24/01, effective 9/24/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.50.050 and 41.50.780(11). WSR 96-16-020, § 415-04-040, filed 7/29/96, effective 7/29/96.]