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AGENDA
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Rules Agenda

This report details current and anticipated rule-making activities for the department of health (DOH) and the state board of health (SBOH). If you have any questions regarding this report or DOH rule-making activities, please contact Tami Thompson at 360-628-0096. If you have any questions regarding SBOH rule-making activities, please contact Michelle Davis at 360-236-4105.

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KEY:

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CR: "Code reviser" on the notice forms created by the office of the code reviser for use by all state agencies.

CR-101: Preproposal statement of inquiry filed under RCW 34.05.310.

CR-102: Proposed rule-making notice filed under RCW 34.05.320 or 34.05.340.

CR-103: Rule-making order permanently adopting a rule and filed under RCW 34.05.360 and 34.05.380.

CR-105: Expedited rule making filed under RCW 34.05.353.

RCW: Revised Code of Washington.

WAC: Washington Administrative Code.

WSR: Washington State Register.

SBOH
Rule Making

Authority	WAC and Rule Title	CR-101 WSR #	CR-102 WSR #	CR-103 WSR #	CR-105 WSR #	Program Contact
SBOH	Notifiable conditions. Updating the COVID-19 reporting requirements in chapter 246-101 WAC while maintaining necessary data for disease surveillance.	25-08-026	Anticipate filing			Molly Dinardo 564-669-3455
SBOH	Dogs and microbreweries with contract kitchens. Creating new rules in chapter 246-203 WAC.		Anticipate filing			Ash Noble 360-236-3736
SBOH	Water recreation facilities. Updates and consolidates chapters 246-260 and 246-262 WAC related to water recreation facilities and recreational water contact facilities and improves alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention model aquatics health code.	17-01-048	Anticipate filing			Ash Noble 360-236-3736 Ashlie Laydon ashlie.laydon@doh.wa.gov

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SBOH	Onsite sewage systems setbacks. Amendments to WAC 246-272A-0210 to address minimum horizontal separations for surface water setbacks. Rule making may also address other technical and editorial changes.	26-07-010	26-15-117	Anticipate filing		Shay Bauman 564-669-8929 Kseniya Efremova 360-236-3449
SBOH	Group A public water systems. Potential rule making to consider adopting a state action level or state maximum containment level for fluoride in chapter 246-290 WAC.	Anticipate filing				Shay Bauman 564-669-8929 Kseniya Efremova 360-236-3449
SBOH	Primary and secondary school environmental health and safety standards. Considering creating a new chapter 246-370 WAC to establish updated minimum environmental health and safety standards for schools that serve students in grades kindergarten through 12. Also considering repealing or amending portions of chapter 246-366 WAC.	26-15-119				Ash Noble 360-236-3736

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Board of Hearing and Speech	Hearing aids. Amends WAC 246-828-025, 246-828-090, 246-828-095, 246-828-100, and 246-828-330, regarding prescription hearing aid requirements for initial fitting and hearing tests and adds a new section addressing telehealth standards and requirements.	25-12-078	Anticipate filing			Kim-Boi Shadduck 360-236-2912
Board of Massage	Massage licensure standards. Amends WAC 246-830-035 Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants.	23-07-064	Anticipate filing			Sabine Meuse 360-878-7466
Board of Massage	Online education for massage therapists. Amends WAC 246-830-430 Education and training, to include parameters on online and virtual education and adding health equity awareness training to initial licensure requirements for new massage licensees.	23-12-002	Anticipate filing			Sabine Meuse 360-878-7466
Board of Nursing	Registered nurse/licensed practical nurse licensing. Amendments to chapter 246-840 WAC to implement changes made by SHB 2339 (Laws of 2026) to clarify education-verification requirements and related applicant documentation submission.	Anticipate filing				Jessilyn Dagum 360-236-3538
Board of Nursing	Advanced practice and pain management chapter update. Amends WAC 246-840-010 and 246-840-300 through 246-840-4990 for advanced practice and pain management rules conducted in accordance with the board's five-year formal rule review process under RCW 43.70.041, Phase 2.	25-15-033	Anticipate filing			Jessilyn Dagum 360-236-3538
Board of Nursing	Nursing education programs. Changes to chapter 246-840 WAC rewrite. Considering amendments to the nursing education requirements and minimum standards in WAC 246-840-500 through 246-840-571. Conducted in accordance with the board's five-year formal rule review process under RCW 43.70.041, Phase 3.	26-01-020	Anticipate filing			Jessilyn Dagum 360-236-3538

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Board of Nursing	Advanced registered nurse practitioner title change. Amendments to chapter 246-840 WAC to implement HB 2416 (Laws of 2024) by changing the protected title "advanced registered nurse practitioner" (ARNP) to "advanced practice registered nurse" (APRN). Expedited rule making.	Anticipate filing				Jessilyn Dagum 360-236-3538
Board of Nursing	Nursing assistant (NA) stipend program for approved substance use disorder monitoring program (SUDMP). Proposing a new rule section to chapter 246-841A WAC to allow nursing assistants eligibility for receiving provisions to the board's approved SUDMP stipend, as directed in the transition of authority for NAs under HB 2340 (Laws of 2026).	Anticipate filing				Bonnie King 360-236-3538
Board of Physical Therapy	Updating the test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL) scoring scale for foreign educated physical therapy applicants. Consider amendments to WAC 246-915-120 Foreign educated applicants, to update TOEFL scoring requirements in response to changes made by the educational testing services.	26-07-052	Anticipate filing			Kristina Bell 360-878-4851 Allyson McIver 360-236-2878
Board of Psychology	Psychology and artificial intelligence (AI). Consider amendments in chapter 246-924 WAC, Psychologists, to regulate the use of AI and other developing technologies within the practice of psychology in Washington state.	26-06-022	Anticipate filing			Nancy Delgado 360-236-4951
Board of Psychology	Psychology refinement and updates. Consider amendments in chapter 246-924 WAC to consider amending, creating, and repealing rule sections.	Anticipate filing				Nancy Delgado 360-236-4951
Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery	Osteopathic physician continuing education (CE) requirements. Considering amending WAC 246-853-080 to update the osteopathic physician CE requirements and specify that maintaining a certification program may satisfy CE requirements.	25-23-017	26-09-112	Anticipate filing		Becky Cornwall 360-236-4766
Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery	Establishing the use of nitrous oxide in office-based settings. Considering amendments to WAC 246-853-650 and new section to establish requirements for the use of nitrous oxide. The board is considering these amendments to align with the Washington medical commission's recent rule adoptions related to this topic.	Anticipate filing				Becky Cornwall 360-236-4766
Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission	Chiropractor credentialing. Amends WAC 246-808-010, 246-808-105 through 246-808-140, 246-808-142, 246-808-180 through 246-808-190, 246-808-510, 246-808-535, and 246-808-801 through 246-808-830 to address chiropractic credentialing requirements.	23-05-053	Anticipate filing			Betty Moe 360-764-6251
Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission	Classification of chiropractic procedures and instrumentation. Amends WAC 246-808-505 to better align the rule language with statutory language and to modernize and streamline current language.	25-10-041	26-12-057	Anticipate filing		Betty Moe 360-764-6251

Authority	WAC and Rule Title	CR-101 WSR #	CR-102 WSR #	CR-103 WSR #	CR-105 WSR #	Program Contact
Dental Quality Assurance Commission	Dental interstate compact. Adds new section(s) to chapter 246-817 WAC to implement provisions of ESHB 1576 (chapter 297, Laws of 2023), codified as chapter 18.33 RCW, which creates a new interstate compact for dentists and gives member states the discretion to charge a fee.	24-21-097	Anticipate filing			Debbie Gardner 360-236-4277
Dental Quality Assurance Commission	Graduates of nonaccredited schools. Amends WAC 246-817-160 to define the educational and training requirements for graduates of nonaccredited schools.	26-16-013				Debbie Gardner 360-236-4277
DOH	State Environmental Policy Act policy and procedures. Proposing amendments to chapter 246-03 WAC for editorial, technical, and clarifying updates in compliance with chapters 43.21C RCW and 197-11 WAC.		Anticipate filing			Brian Sayrs brian.sayrs@doh.wa.gov
DOH	Administrative procedures and requirements for credentialed health care providers. Considering adding new sections that address credentialing procedures and modernizing the language in chapter 246-12 WAC.	Anticipate filing				Stacey Saunders 360-236-2813
DOH	Medical cannabis product compliance. Amends chapter 246-70 WAC to update the term "marijuana" to "cannabis," examine the definition of a compliant product, review compliant product labeling, and align quality assurance standards with the Washington state liquor and cannabis board.	22-23-001	Anticipate filing			Annie Kause 360-236-2940
DOH	X-ray in healing arts. Considering amending chapter 246-225 WAC existing rules and creating new rules to address advancements in technology for radiation therapy, fluoroscopic X-ray, and plan review shielding requirements.	24-03-137	Anticipate filing			Ashlie Laydon ashlie.laydon@doh.wa.gov
DOH	Radiation materials - medical use notification rule update. Updating WAC 246-240-035 to include missing federal language from 10 C.F.R. Part 35, Subpart A.		Anticipate filing			Zehra Siddiqui zehra.siddiqui@doh.wa.gov 360-236-3010
DOH	Air emissions fee clarification and correction. Proposing corrections and clarifications to align WAC 246-247-065 and 246-254-160 with current billing practices.	Anticipate filing				Zehra Siddiqui zehra.siddiqui@doh.wa.gov 360-236-3010
DOH	On-site nonpotable water systems. Considering establishing a new chapter 246-275 WAC for on-site nonpotable water systems.	24-09-067	Anticipate filing			Kseniya Efremova 360-236-3449
DOH	Drinking water editorial update. Proposing amendments to chapters 246-290 and 246-291 WAC for editorial and technical updates. DOH will request delegated authority from the SBOH.		Anticipate filing			Brian Sayrs brian.sayrs@doh.wa.gov
DOH	Certificate of need nursing home in-home kidney dialysis services. Considering a new section of chapter 246-310 WAC to establish requirements for nursing homes to provide in-home dialysis services under the certificate of need program.	25-22-023	Anticipate filing			Eric Hernandez 360-236-2955
DOH	Certificate of need - review fees. Amendments to update certificate of need review fees, updates fees in WAC 246-310-990 and may consider changes to clarify and standardize language.	25-17-069	26-13-115	Anticipate filing		Heather Cantrell HSQAFeeRules@doh.wa.gov

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DOH	Hospital price transparency requirements. Considering adding definitions to WAC 246-320-010 and creating a new section in chapter 246-320 WAC to provide clarity and direction related to hospital price transparency requirements.	25-23-011	Anticipate filing			Tiffani Buck 564-233-1121
DOH	Behavioral health hospitals. Updating chapter 246-322 WAC to "Behavioral health hospitals," and adding some rules from chapter 246-324 WAC. Repealing chapter 246-324 WAC, Private alcohol and chemical dependency hospitals.	Anticipate filing				Dan Overton 360-236-2953
DOH	Uniform facility enforcement framework and background check standardization for ambulatory surgical facilities, in-home services agencies, residential treatment facilities, and behavioral health agencies (BHA). Amends rules and establishes new sections in chapters 246-330, 246-335, 246-337, and 246-341 WAC in response to ESSB 5271 (chapter 121, Laws of 2024). DOH will also consider standardizing background check requirements for these facility types.	25-17-068	Anticipate filing	Anticipate filing		Julie Tomaro 360-236-2937
DOH	Ambulatory surgical facilities. Considering rule amendments to update fees for ambulatory surgical facilities, WAC 246-330-199. DOH may also consider changes to clarify and standardize language.	26-16-015				Heather Cantrell HSQAFeeRules@doh.wa.gov
DOH	Medical test site (MTS) definitions and section name change. Amend WAC 246-338-010 Definitions and 246-338-020 Licensure—Types of medical test site licenses.	Anticipate filing				Jessica Holloway 360-236-2927
DOH	MTS fee rule. Amend WAC 246-338-990 to adjust MTS fees.	Anticipate filing				Heather Cantrell HSQAFeeRules@doh.wa.gov
DOH	BHA regulations as they relate to opioid treatment programs (OTPs). Considering amending the BHA regulations related to OTPs in chapter 246-341 WAC, to address general cleanup, incorporate input from partners and interested parties, revise requirements for fixed-site medication units, and establish standards for emerging dispensing technology.	26-13-013				Julie Tomaro 360-236-2937
DOH	Establishing accreditation fees for OTPs. Considering amending WAC 246-341-0365, or creating a new rule, to implement SB 5988 (chapter 73, Laws of 2026) as it relates to establishing fees to cover the cost associated with the accreditation services DOH provides under 42 C.F.R. Part 8.	26-13-065				Julie Tomaro 360-236-2937
DOH	Temporary worker housing. Amendments in chapters 246-358 and 246-359 WAC to clarify language, fix typos, align with code reviser's Bill Drafting Guide, and repeal obsolete rules. DOH will coordinate potential rule making with the department of labor and industries.		Anticipate filing			Zehra Siddiqui 360-236-3010
DOH	Private detention facilities. Considering creating a new chapter 246-385 WAC to set operational health and safety standards for private detention facilities. Pursuant to E2SHB 1232 and chapter 70.395 RCW.	23-23-079	Anticipate combining filing with 25-19-069			Kseniya Efremova 360-236-3449

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DOH	Private detention facilities for juveniles. Considering establishing operational, health, and safety standards in Title 246 WAC for private detention facilities serving juveniles and creating a severity matrix for fines related to private detention facility enforcement to implement E2SHB 1232 (chapter 235, Laws of 2025).	25-19-069	Anticipate combining the filing with 23-23-079			Kseniya Efremova 360-236-3449
DOH	Hospital charity care. Amends chapter 246-453 WAC to implement new requirements in SSB 6273 (chapter 623, Laws of 2018) and SHB 1616 (chapter 197, Laws of 2022), which update definitions, income eligibility, and discounts for the program. DOH may also add a new section to address requirements for clarity and conciseness.	22-20-069	Anticipate filing	Anticipate filing		Carrie Baranowski 360-236-4210
DOH	Rapid health information network data reporting requirements, including a fee. Creates a new chapter 246-460 WAC to formally establish the requirements for submitting data, including method and timeliness of transmission, addressing errors, release of data, and establishing a fee for nonstandard reporting from researchers.	25-17-001	26-07-069	Anticipate filing		Cynthia Harry 206-472-4530
DOH	Vital records. Amends, repeals, and creates new rules in chapter 246-490 WAC, Vital statistics; and chapter 246-491 WAC, Vital statistics—Certificates. The rules may establish registration and amendment requirements for vital records; update or add program processes to align with statutory changes; adopt fees associated with amendment and delayed birth applications; add or adjust fees associated with the issuance of certifications and informational copies; add or remove data items collected in a vital record; expand use of electronic registration of a vital event; make editorial and technical changes to align with statutory changes; and repeal obsolete sections of rule.	23-04-062	Anticipate filing			Kelly Thomson 360-236-2274
DOH	Vital records birth certification fee waiver. Amends WAC 246-491-350 to implement a new birth certificate fee waiver process authorized by SSB 5030.	25-14-024	Anticipate filing			Kelly Thomson 360-236-2274
DOH	Occupational English test for acupuncture and Eastern medicine. Amends WAC 246-803-240 and 246-803-130.	25-04-007	26-12-013	Anticipate filing		Adriana Barcena 360-236-4865
DOH	Cooccurring disorder specialist (CODS) enhancement. Amends chapter 246-804 WAC to update curriculum standards, develop application processes, and clarify definitions for the CODS enhancement program.	25-13-086	Anticipate filing			Claire Wilson 564-669-0392
DOH	Applied behavior analysis continuing supervision and educational programs. Considering amendments to WAC 246-805-210, 246-805-240, and 246-805-330 to remove barriers for education and update the requirements for continuing supervision for certified behavior technicians and licensed assistant behavior analysts.	25-20-070	26-16-014			Shelbee Scrimo 360-236-4723

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DOH	Substance use disorder professionals and trainees. Opening chapter 246-811 WAC to consider topics including, but not limited to, trauma-informed care, education standards, documentation requirements, and how applicants with foreign education or experience become certified.	Anticipate filing				Claire Wilson 564-669-0392
DOH	Dental hygienists' infection control. Amends chapter 246-815 WAC.	Anticipate filing				Bruce Bronoske Jr. 564-669-8322
DOH	Dental hygienist compact. Establishes new section(s) of rule in chapter 246-815 WAC to implement ESHB 1576 (chapter 297, Laws of 2023), codified as chapter 18.33 RCW, which creates a new interstate compact for dental hygienists and gives member states the discretion to charge a fee for granting compact privileges.	24-21-056	Anticipate filing			Bruce Bronoske Jr. 564-669-8322
DOH	Dental hygienists' CE. Amends WAC 246-815-140.	26-09-027	Anticipate filing			Bruce Bronoske Jr. 564-669-8322
DOH	Dentist licensure fees to add surcharge for impaired practitioner program. Considering rule amendments to WAC 246-817-990 to add the Washington physicians health program (WPHP) impaired practitioner surcharge to initial licensure for dentists. Other general housekeeping may be considered to remove outdated information concerning fees that expired in 2025.	26-07-017	26-15-045			Heather Cantrell HSQAFeeRules@doh.wa.gov
DOH	Dental therapy sedation. Adding requirements to chapter 246-819 WAC.	26-05-023	Anticipate filing			Bruce Bronoske Jr. 564-669-8322
DOH	Dental therapy scope of practice. Considering rule amendments to add requirements to chapter 246-819 WAC.	Anticipate filing				Bruce Bronoske Jr. 564-669-8322
DOH	Dietitian compact fee. Considering a new section in chapter 246-822 WAC to implement SHB 2088 (chapter 18, Laws of 2026), which establishes the dietitian licensure compact and gives member states the discretion to charge a fee for granting compact privileges. DOH may also consider additional fee items for clarity and consistency such as aligning late renewal, duplicate license, and verification fees with compact standards.	26-12-042	Anticipate filing			Kim-Boi Shadduck 360-236-2912
DOH	Dispensing opticians. Will consider amending chapter 246-824 WAC to include the brief adjudicative proceedings appeal process as allowed by chapter 246-10 WAC for apprentices who request, and are denied, an extension of time to complete their apprenticeship.	Anticipate filing				Pamela Bright 564-669-9146
DOH	Medical assistant credentialing requirements. Considering rule amendments in chapter 246-827 WAC to update medical assistant credentialing requirements and ensure the rules are current and align with best practices.	26-09-062	Anticipate filing			Becky Cornwall 360-236-4766
DOH	Music therapists temporary licensure exemptions. Considering new rules in chapter 246-837 WAC to implement SHB 2363 (chapter 27, Laws of 2026), to allow music therapy applicants who meet the statutory requirements to practice music therapy while their application and exam results are pending.	26-14-103	Anticipate filing			Shelbee Scrimo 360-236-4723

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DOH	Osteopathic physician and surgeon fees. Amendments to WAC 246-853-990. To include removing the Washington osteopathic principles and practices exam and reexam fee, adding the WPHP impaired practitioner surcharge to initial licensure for osteopathic physicians, and updating fees to appropriate levels for program's operating costs and reserve levels.	26-04-087	Anticipate filing			Becky Cornwall 360-236-4766
DOH	Allopathic physician and physician assistant fees. Considering an update to WAC 246-919-990 and 246-918-990 to adjust fees to appropriate levels for the commission's operating costs and reserve levels. DOH is also considering an amendment to fees to implement SSB 5185 (chapter 154, Laws of 2026).	Anticipate filing				Heather Cantrell HSQAFeeRules@doh.wa.gov
DOH	Radiologic technologist supervision. Considering amendments to chapter 246-926 WAC, including WAC 246-926-020, 246-155, 246-926-180, 246-926-300, 246-926-310, and 246-926-410, to implement HB 2113 (chapter 10, Laws of 2026), regarding supervision requirements for radiologic technologists performing parenteral procedures involving IV contrast agents. DOH will also consider rules defining general, direct, and virtual direct supervision and clarifying remote supervision requirements and housekeeping edits.	26-13-063	Anticipate filing			Tommy Simpson III 564-669-8421
DOH	Sex offender treatment provider (SOTP) chapter rewrite. Amends chapter 246-930 WAC based on recommendations from the newly established SOTP advisory committee.	22-04-057	Anticipate filing			Ted Dale 360-236-2991
DOH	Trauma rehabilitation service standards. Amending WAC 246-976-800, the standards that define what a designated trauma rehabilitation service must have.	26-09-137	Anticipate filing			Tim Orcutt 360-236-2874
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	Nonnarcotic stimulant drugs reference update and clarification. Considering amendments to WAC 246-945-043 to update outdated references and clarify identifying information in the list of designated nonnarcotic stimulant drugs.	26-13-013				Julia Katz 360-791-1167
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	Classifying specific synthetic benzodiazepines as Schedule I substances. Considering updating the list of Schedule I substances in WAC 246-945-051 to include the synthetic benzodiazepines clonazolam, diclazepam, etizolam, flualprazolam, flubromazolam, and bromazolam as they pose an imminent hazard to public safety. This proposal is in response to a recent federal rule making.	26-15-126				Joshua Munroe 360-502-5058
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	Accreditation of schools or colleges of pharmacy. Considering amending WAC 246-945-155, 246-945-162, 246-945-163, and adding a new section in chapter 246-945 WAC, if necessary, to codify the commission's recognized accreditation body for schools or colleges of pharmacy.	26-15-108				Haleigh Mauldin 360-890-0720

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Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	Tamper-resistant prescription pads and paper. Considering establishing a new section(s) in chapter 246-945 WAC and amending WAC 246-945-010 to regulate tamper-resistant prescription pads and paper information, including industry-recognized security features and their approval process.	25-21-079	Anticipate filing			Julia Katz 360-791-1167
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	Prescription labeling accessibility rules. Amending WAC 246-945-015 and 246-945-026 through 246-945-029 to refine the standards for dispensing practitioners and facilities subject to the commission's prescription labeling accessibility rules.	25-23-064	26-12-047	Anticipate filing		Joshua Munroe 360-502-5058
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	Pharmacy registration for mobile opioid treatment program units. Amends WAC 246-945-060 and 246-945-250 and adds new sections in chapter 246 945 WAC to exempt mobile OTP units from having to obtain separate registrations when covered under the OTP site's controlled substance registration. Develops more comprehensive facility requirements for analytical laboratories and dog handlers among other facilities that are licensed under the other controlled substance registration.	23-18-046	26-09-118	Anticipate filing		Haleigh Mauldin 360-890-0720
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	Clarifying the utilization of pharmacy ancillary personnel. Amends WAC 246-945-001, 246-945-315, 246-945-317, 246-945-320, and potentially adds a new section in chapter 246-945 WAC to clarify the utilization of pharmacy ancillary personnel and technology within the pharmacy.	24-18-032	Anticipate filing			Haleigh Mauldin 360-890-0720
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	Pharmacy personnel examinations and procedures. Consider amendments to WAC 246-945-165 and 246-945-205 and possible new sections to establish commission-approved examinations for pharmacy technicians and pharmacists and reexamination processes.	26-10-009				Julia Katz 360-791-1167
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	Clarifying licensure requirements for a change in pharmacy ownership. Considering amending WAC 246-945-230 and 246-945-992 to allow a pharmacy, and potentially other pharmaceutical firm types, to retain the same credential number if a change of ownership occurs because of a stock sale.	26-16-006				Joshua Munroe 360-502-5058
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	Pharmaceutical manufacturers and wholesalers licensing requirements. Considering amending WAC 246-945-246 and 246-945-247, and potentially adding new sections in chapter 246-945 WAC, if necessary, to update and clarify the requirements for wholesalers and manufacturers, including virtual entities and over-the-counter only wholesalers.	26-11-028				Haleigh Mauldin 360-890-0720
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	Animal euthanasia training program guidelines. Considering amending WAC 246-945-503 and establishing new section(s) in chapter 246-945 WAC to establish regulatory requirements for animal euthanasia training programs seeking commission approval.	26-09-021				Julia Katz 360-791-1167

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Veterinary Board of Governors	Veterinarian telehealth requirements. Updating telehealth requirements in chapter 246-933 WAC to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.	25-21-129 Withdrawal filed 26-13-022 Updated 26-13-019				Poppy Budrow 564-669-0026
Veterinary Board of Governors	Post-graduate veterinary internship programs. Considering adding a new section to chapter 246-933 WAC to establish criteria for recognition of a post-graduate internship program for graduates of a veterinary program who have not passed the national exam and are performing assigned duties under the supervision of a veterinarian.	Anticipate filing				Poppy Budrow 564-669-0026
Veterinary Board of Governors	Veterinarian, veterinary technician, veterinary medication clerk, and humane society licensure fees. Considering rule amendments to WAC 246-933-590, 246-933-990, 246-935-990, and 246-937-990.	26-05-076 Withdrawal filed 26-08-007 Updated 26-08-008	26-15-014	Anticipate filing		Poppy Budrow 564-669-0026
Veterinary Board of Governors	Veterinary technician examination requirements. Updating eligibility requirements in WAC 246-935-060.	25-21-093	26-15-060	Anticipate filing		Poppy Budrow 564-669-0026
Washington Medical Commission	Physician assistant (PA) chapter review. Considering amendments to chapter 246-918 WAC, WAC 246-918-005 through 246-918-420, to consider modernizing language, add clarity, and bring the rules more in line with current practice.	Anticipate filing				Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336
Washington Medical Commission	Collaborative drug therapy agreements. New sections in chapters 246-918 and 246-919 WAC regarding collaborative drug therapy agreements.	20-16-008				Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336
Washington Medical Commission	International medical graduates. Considering adding new sections to chapter 246-919 WAC to establish a limited license for international medical graduates and a pilot program to allow supervised practice as a pathway to full licensure, to implement SSB 5185.	26-14-046				Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336
Washington Medical Commission	Allopathic physicians (MD) chapter review. Considering amendments to WAC 246-919-010 through 246-919-520 and 246-919-602 through 246-919-700 to consider modernizing language, add clarity, and bring the rules more in line with current practice.	25-12-014				Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336
Washington Medical Commission	Opioid prescribing. Amends the following opioid prescribing rules to modernize the language, add clarity, and brings the rules more in line with current practice. Amends MD WAC 246-919-850 through 246-919-985 and PA WAC 246-918-800 through 246-918-935.	25-10-039	Anticipate filing			Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336
Washington Medical Commission	Anesthesiologist assistants (AA). Considering amendments to WAC 246-921-125(3) for renewal, continuing medical education cycle, and maintenance of licensure. Considering amending [subsection] (3) by changing "second" to "first" to make the AA renewal consistent with the physician assistant renewal rules.	26-11-021	Anticipate filing			Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336

WSR 26-17-002
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
[Filed August 5, 2026, 1:16 p.m.]

NOTICE

Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 26-0021 Spokane Area Wildfires Disaster Relief.

Effective Date: August 7, 2026. (Please note, Washington intends to submit a 1135 waiver; if approved, the effective date will be the date of the emergency declaration.)

Description: The health care authority (HCA) and the department of social and health services (DSHS) intend to submit SPA 26-0021 to implement policies and procedures that may be different from the policies and procedures otherwise applied under the medicaid state plan during the period of Governor Ferguson's emergency declarations related to the Spokane area wildfires.

SPA 26-0021 is the preprint developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to waive or modify certain requirements of Titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the act during certain emergencies to ensure that sufficient health care items and services are available to meet the needs of individuals enrolled in the respective programs and to ensure that health care providers that furnish such items and services in good faith, but are unable to comply with one or more of such requirements as a result of the wildfires, may be reimbursed for such items and services and exempted from sanctions for such noncompliance, absent any determination of fraud or abuse.

At this time, HCA and DSHS have insufficient data upon which to base an estimate of the effect of SPA 26-0021 on annual aggregate expenditures/reimbursement/payment.

SPA 26-0021 is in the development process; therefore a copy is not yet available for review. HCA and DSHS would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy when it becomes available or submit comments, please contact the person named below (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

CONTACT: Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, 626 8th Avenue S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, TTY 711, email ann.myers@hca.wa.gov.

WSR 26-17-012
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
FRUIT COMMISSION
[Filed August 6, 2026, 10:24 a.m.]

2026

CHANGE OF DATE - COMMISSION MEETING

The following scheduled meeting **date** for December has been **changed** to:

November 30, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., at the W.L. Hansen Building, Yakima, Washington.

The Washington state fruit commission (WSFC) complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. These meetings are open to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability. Persons who require reasonable accommodations or alternative means of communication (such as Braille, large print, sign language), language interpretation or translation, or special meals, should contact WSFC at 509-453-4837 at least three business days before the meeting.

If there are any questions regarding this change, contact the WSFC office at 509-453-4837.

WSR 26-17-013
NOTICE OF APPEAL
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
[Filed August 6, 2026, 10:57 a.m.]

NOTICE OF APPEAL

RCW 34.05.330(3)

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.330(3), you are hereby notified for publication in the Washington State Register that:

On July 6, 2026, the Governor's Office received an appeal from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), Northwest Animal Rights Network (NARN), and the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) (collectively "Petitioners"), relating to the Washington State Board of Health's denial of a petition to amend WAC 246-101-105 to -810 (*Notifiable conditions—Health care providers and health care facilities*). The appeal was denied on August 6, 2026.

DATE: August 6, 2026

August 6, 2026

Regina Lazarus
Via email: ReginaL@petaf.org

Re: APA Appeal - Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-101-105 to -810.

Dear Ms. Lazarus:

On July 6, 2026, the Governor's Office received the appeal you filed in response to the Washington State Board of Health's (SBOH) decision to deny a petition to amend WAC 246-101-105 to -810 submitted by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), Northwest Animal Rights Network (NARN), and the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) (collectively, "Petitioners). Under RCW 34.05.330(3), an agency's denial of a petition to repeal or amend a rule may be appealed to the Governor. However, the Governor lacks jurisdiction under this statute to consider an appeal of other matters, such as an agency's denial of a petition to adopt a new rule. *See* RCW 34.05.330(3).

On April 6, 2026, Petitioners asked the Washington State Board of Health to amend WAC 246-101-105 to -810. Specifically, the petition proposed that the Board "amend the rules related to Notifiable Conditions. Wash. Admin. Code 246-101" by adding a new rule, *WAC 246-101-430 Duties—Research facilities*, to chapter 246-101 WAC, and "adding methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) as a notifiable condition under this section." On June 4, 2026, the Board considered the petition at their public hearing and voted to deny the petition.

On July 6, 2026, you appealed the Board's denial of the petition to the Governor's Office. Although labeled as an "amendment," the petition's proposal is to add an entirely new rule to chapter 246-101 WAC. As noted above, RCW 34.05.330(3) provides that the Governor can review agency denials of a petition to repeal or amend an existing rule; however, requests for new rules are outside of the scope of this rule appeal process. Accordingly, the Governor does not have statutory authority to take action pursuant to RCW 34.05.330 in response to your petition.

Kristin Beneski
Chief Legal Counsel to the Governor

WSR 26-17-015
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
[Filed August 6, 2026, 11:33 a.m.]

NOTICE

Subject: The department of social and health services' (DSHS) home and community living administration and developmental disabilities administration medicaid waiver applications under section 1915(c) Appendix K waiver authority.

Effective Date: August 1, 2026 (pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval).

Description: The health care authority (HCA) and DSHS intend to submit 1915(c) Appendix K waiver applications to implement policies and procedures that may be different from the policies and procedures otherwise applied under the 1915(c) home and community-based services waivers during the period of Governor Ferguson's emergency declarations related to the historic wildfires occurring in Eastern Washington.

The 1915(c) Appendix K waiver application is the preprint developed by CMS to waive or modify certain requirements of section 1915(c) home and community-based services during certain emergencies to ensure that sufficient health care items, services, and staffing are available to meet the needs of individuals enrolled in the programs and to ensure that health care providers that furnish such items and services in good faith, but are unable to comply with one or more of such requirements as a result of the wildfires, may be reimbursed for such items and services and exempted from sanctions for such noncompliance, absent any determination of fraud or abuse.

The 1915(c) Appendix K waiver allows HCA and DSHS various flexibilities in 1915(c) waiver programs, including the ability to take temporary actions such as:

- Make retainer payments to address emergency related issues.
- Exceed service limits or requirements for amount, duration, and prior authorization to address health and welfare issues presented by the emergency situation.
- Modify services to the waiver or expand settings where services may be provided to address the emergency situation.
- Modify provider qualification or certification requirements.

At this time, HCA and DSHS have insufficient data upon which to base an estimate of the effect of the 1915(c) Appendix K waiver applications on annual aggregate expenditures/reimbursement/payment.

The 1915(c) Appendix K waiver applications are in the development process; therefore, copies are not yet available for review. HCA and DSHS would appreciate any input or concerns regarding these 1915(c) Appendix K waiver applications. To request a copy when they become available or submit comments, please contact the person named below (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

CONTACT: Rebecca Howard, Waiver Program Manager, DSHS, 4450 10th Avenue S.E., Lacey, WA 98503, TTY 711, email Rebecca.howard@dshs.wa.gov.

WSR 26-17-019
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
CENTRALIA COLLEGE

[Filed August 6, 2026, 5:02 p.m.]

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Schedule for 2027

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, January 14, 2027	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, February 11, 2027	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, March 11, 2027	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, April 8, 2027	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, May 13, 2027	3:00 p.m.	Centralia College East
Thursday, June 10, 2027	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, August 12, 2027	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, September 9, 2027	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, October 14, 2027	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, November 11, 2027	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom
Thursday, December 9, 2027	3:00 p.m.	College Boardroom

WSR 26-17-024
OFFICE OF THE
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
[Filed August 7, 2026, 12:33 p.m.]

Emergency Order No. 26-02

To: All health carriers authorized or admitted to offer fully insured health plans in Washington state that are regulated by the Insurance Commissioner.

From: Patty Kuderer, Insurance Commissioner

Subject: Ordering one-time refill of prescription medications prior to waiting periods, providing a minimum 60-day grace period for payment of premiums, prohibiting cancellations.

Pursuant to RCW 48.02.060(4), the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Washington (Insurance Commissioner) orders all health carriers authorized or admitted to offer fully insured health plans in Washington State that are regulated by the Insurance Commissioner (hereafter "Regulated Entities"), between August 7, 2026, through September 30, 2026, as follows:

A. All Regulated Entities shall allow enrollees to obtain a one-time refill of their covered prescription medications prior to the expiration of the waiting period between refills so that enrollees can maintain an adequate supply of necessary medication. Carriers may take into consideration patient safety risks associated with early refills for certain drug classes, such as opioids, benzodiazepines and stimulants.

B. Allow a grace period for payment of premiums no less than sixty (60) days for individual and group health plans, other than qualified health plans purchased by individuals receiving an advanced premium tax credit through the Health Benefit Exchange. Regulated Entities must pay all claims for services that are rendered to enrollees during the first thirty days of the grace period, that are covered under the terms of the health plan and current law then in effect, including any emergency orders issued by any branch or instrumentality of the state of Washington or the federal government. Regulated Entities may delay adjudicating claims for services rendered to enrollees during the remainder of the grace period. Any communication from Regulated Entities addressed to enrollees or the plan sponsor during the grace period must clearly state the enrollee or plan sponsor's obligation to pay back premiums or potentially result in the enrollee being subject to billing from health care providers for unpaid claims for services rendered to enrollees after the first thirty days of the grace period, and must clearly state the Regulated Entity's obligations during the grace period, in light of the state of emergency and emergency orders issued by the Governor or the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

C. No regulated entity shall cancel a health plan issued for nonpayment of premium, unless specifically directed to do so by the insured.

Basis

1. On August 1, 2026, the Governor issued Proclamation 26-03 declaring an emergency related to the multiple ongoing wildfires in Western, Central, and Eastern Washington as well as the dry weather conditions that have persisted in the state since 2023. The proclamation provides in pertinent part as follows:

I, Bob Ferguson, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists throughout the state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources in accordance with the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions to respond to and recover from the dangerous wildfire conditions.

2. Wildfires have already caused significant damage to lands, infrastructure, and homes, and the threat to life and property from wildfire remains significant and may cause more extensive damage to homes, businesses, public facilities, natural resources, agricultural lands, infrastructure, and utilities, which is a public disaster that affects life, health, property, and/or the public peace.

3. Wildfires have resulted in overwhelmed and strained health systems, hospitals and long-term care facilities. Several medical facilities in the area have been evacuated and/or closed, while major remaining hospitals are facing severe staffing and operational strain. Area residents have reduced access to necessary medications, medical care and life-sustaining services. As a result of displacements, many area residents cannot access usual sources of care and are seeking care outside their network and region.

4. RCW 48.02.060 (4)(b) and (c) provides in pertinent part that, when the Governor proclaims a state of emergency under RCW 43.06.010(12), the Insurance Commissioner may issue an order that addresses any or all of the following matters related to insurance policies issued in this state: (b) grace periods for payment of insurance premiums and performance of other duties by insureds; and (c) temporary postponement of cancellations or nonrenewals; and (d) medical coverage to ensure access to care.

5. RCW 48.02.060(5) provides that an order by the Insurance Commissioner under subsection (4) of this section may remain effective for not more than sixty (60) days unless the Insurance Commissioner extends the termination date for the order for an additional period of not more than thirty (30) days. The Insurance Commissioner may extend the order if, in the Insurance Commissioner's judgment, the circumstances warrant an extension. An order of the Insurance Commissioner under subsection (4) of this section is not effective after the related state of emergency is terminated by proclamation of the Governor under RCW 43.06.210. The order must specify, by line of insurance:

(a) the geographic areas in which the order applies, which must be within but may be less extensive than the geographic area specified in the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency and must be specific according to an appropriate means of delineation, such as the United States postal service zip codes or other appropriate means; and

(b) the date on which the order becomes effective and the date on which the order terminates.

6. Emergency action by the Insurance Commissioner is necessary to protect the property, safety and welfare of Washington citizens affected by the 2026 Wildfires in the state of Washington.

Order

Now, therefore, the Insurance Commissioner hereby activates the provisions of RCW 48.02.060 (4)(b) and (c) in order to protect the property, safety and welfare of Washington citizens affected by the 2026 wildfires in the state of Washington, as set forth above.

This Emergency Order shall remain in effect until September 30, 2026, subject to the further order of the Insurance Commissioner extending its effect.

The geographical extent of this Emergency Order is all zip codes, and adjacent zip codes of the state of Washington where (1) wildfires have burned homes and other structures and/or (2) official evacuation orders are issued.

This Emergency Order does not apply to Medicaid, Medicare, Public Employees Benefits Board/School Employees Benefits Board, as well as plans governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (i.e., self-funded plans and Taft-Hartley plans).

This Emergency Order is effective immediately and is entered at Olympia, Washington, this 7th day of August, 2026.

Patty Kuderer
Insurance Commissioner

WSR 26-17-025
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES
(Board of Natural Resources)
[Filed August 7, 2026, 3:37 p.m.]

Updated Special Board of Natural Resources Meeting

Cancel: August 18 and 19 listed as board retreat day 1 and 2.

Add: October 1, special study session, at Natural Resources Building, Room 172. Board members will be virtual but room is open to public.

Update: October 6 meeting is to be held in Yakima. Address to be supplied next week. Meeting will start at 9 a.m.

Add: October 6 board retreat day 1, Yakima.

Add: October 7 board retreat day 2, Yakima.

If you have any questions, call Kelli Pinchak at 564-669-1539.

WSR 26-17-026
CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
[Filed August 7, 2026, 3:38 p.m.]

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON FINDINGS OF THE JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE

Notice of Hearing: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Washington state charter school commission (commission) will conduct a public hearing pursuant to RCW 34.05.630 to receive and consider written and oral submissions regarding findings issued by the joint administrative rules review committee (JARRC or committee) on July 31, 2026.

The hearing will be conducted as a clearly delineated portion of the commission's regularly scheduled August 20, 2026, public meeting.

Hearing on Thursday, August 20, 2026, commission meeting 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., JARRC hearing 1:20 p.m.

In person at Wenatchee Valley College, 1300 Fifth Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

Virtual participation via Zoom (no URL provided). Meeting ID 360 725 5511; Dial-in 646-558-8656.

Purpose of Hearing: On July 31, 2026, JARRC held a hearing on a petition submitted pursuant to RCW 34.05.655 concerning the commission's continuity policy.

According to JARRC's July 31, 2026, final determination, the committee considered:

(1) Whether the commission is using a policy or its equivalent as a rule that has not been adopted in accordance with all applicable provisions of law; and

(2) If so, whether the policy is within legislative intent.

The purpose of the commission's August 20 hearing is to receive and fully consider written and oral submissions regarding those findings consistent with RCW 34.05.630.

JARRC Findings: Following its July 31 hearing, JARRC found by majority vote: "the Commission is using the equivalent of a policy in place of a rule and that the policy is not within legislative intent."

The committee's final determination is incorporated into this notice as Attachment A (contact commission for a copy).

Basis and Reasons Identified by JARRC: As reflected in the committee's final determination, JARRC's review arose from a petition submitted pursuant to RCW 34.05.655 requesting review of the commission's continuity policy.

The committee framed its consideration around two questions:

First, whether the commission was using a policy or its equivalent as a rule without adoption in accordance with all applicable provisions of law.

Second, if so, whether that policy was within legislative intent.

Following its hearing and consideration of those questions, the committee determined by majority vote that the commission was using the equivalent of a policy in place of a rule and that the policy was not within legislative intent.

The committee's July 31, 2026, final determination accompanies this notice and constitutes the formal statement received by the commission concerning the committee's findings.

Opportunity for Written and Oral Submissions: Pursuant to RCW 34.05.630(4), the commission will receive and fully consider written and oral submissions regarding whether the commission is using a policy or its equivalent in place of a rule.

Members of the public and interested parties may provide comments concerning JARRC's findings.

Written Submissions: Written submissions may be sent to Washington state charter school commission, email charterschoolinfo@k12.wa.us.

Written comments and submissions related to the hearing may be submitted electronically to the commission no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2026.**

Written submissions received by the deadline will be provided to commissioners and included in the materials considered by the commission in connection with the hearing.

Oral Submissions: Oral comments and submissions may be provided during the **August 20, 2026, hearing** either **in person** at the commission meeting location; or **virtually** through the commission's Zoom meeting.

Individuals wishing to provide oral comment virtually must submit an advance request no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2026.**

Instructions for in-person and virtual participation, including meeting location and Zoom information, are available in the commission's meeting materials.

Commission Consideration: The August 20 hearing is specifically intended to provide the commission an opportunity to consider fully the written and oral submissions received regarding JARRC's findings.

Following the hearing and consideration of the record, the commission will determine its intended action.

JARRC's final determination states that, pursuant to RCW 34.05.640, the commission must notify the committee of its intended action **within seven days of the commission's hearing.**

Nothing in this notice prejudges the commission's deliberations or its ultimate determination regarding its intended action.

Accessibility: The meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. Special aids and services may be made available upon advance request.

Requests for special aids and services should be made no later than **8:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2026.**

For assistance, contact the commission at 360-725-5511, Washington state relay service 711 or 800-833-6388.

Agency Contact: Xavier Woods, executive assistant, Washington state charter school commission, phone 360-725-5511, email charterschoolinfo@k12.wa.us.

Dated: August 10, 2026.

Marcus Harden
Executive Director

WSR 26-17-030
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Board of Nursing)
[Filed August 10, 2026, 3:02 p.m.]

The following is the revised schedule of regular meetings for the department of health, Washington state board of nursing (WABON), for 2026. This schedule follows the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW) and the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW). The nursing care quality assurance commission meetings are open to the public. Access for persons with disabilities may be arranged with advance notice. Please contact the staff person below for more information.

Agendas for the meetings listed below are available in advance via GovDelivery and the WABON website (see below). Every attempt is made to ensure the agenda is up-to-date. However, WABON reserves the right to change or amend meeting agendas.

Date	Locations
January 9, 2026	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia
March 13, 2026	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia
May 8, 2026	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia
July 10, 2026	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia
September 11, 2026	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia
November 12 and 13, 2026	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia

If you need further information, contact Bethany Mauden, Program Specialist III, Department of Health, WABON, P.O. Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7864, email bethany.mauden@doh.wa.gov, website https://www.nursing.wa.gov, GovDelivery https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/topics?qsp=WADOH_4.

WSR 26-17-031
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Board of Nursing)
[Filed August 10, 2026, 3:48 p.m.]

The following is the schedule of regular meetings for the department of health, Washington state board of nursing (WABON), for 2027. This schedule follows the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW) and the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW). The nursing care quality assurance commission meetings are open to the public. Access for persons with disabilities may be arranged with advance notice. Please contact the staff person below for more information.

Agendas for the meetings listed below are available in advance via GovDelivery and the WABON website (see below). Every attempt is made to ensure the agenda is up-to-date. However, WABON reserves the right to change or amend meeting agendas.

Date	Locations
January 8, 2027	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia
March 12, 2027	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia
May 14, 2027	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia
July 8 and 9, 2027	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia
September 10, 2027	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia
November 12, 2027	Virtual with in-person option/Olympia

If you need further information, contact Bethany Mauden, Program Specialist III, Department of Health, WABON, P.O. Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7864, email bethany.mauden@doh.wa.gov, website https://www.nursing.wa.gov, GovDelivery https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/topics?qsp=WADOH_4.

WSR 26-17-034
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Traumatic Brain Injury Strategic Partnership Advisory Council)
[Filed August 11, 2026, 10:41 a.m.]

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) council meeting on October 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Public comment will be available.

This meeting will be held via Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98392835440?pwd=UmFQbTFPWFl6aDZ5c2NaZmx6S0Nhdz09, Passcode 883562; or One-tap mobile 253-205-0468, 98392835440# *883562#.

The meeting agenda will be posted on our website 24 hours prior to the meeting. To request a reasonable accommodation, contact the TBI office by emailing tbicouncil@dshs.wa.gov no later than two weeks before the date of the meeting.

WSR 26-17-055
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
COMMISSION ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT

[Filed August 12, 2026, 3:26 p.m.]

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The commission on judicial conduct (commission) will conduct its remaining 2026 meetings listed below at Cedarbrook Lodge, 18525 36th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98188, as indicated below. Additional information can be obtained by calling 360-753-4585 or visiting the commission's website at www.cjc.state.wa.us.

Friday, September 11, 2026*
Business Meeting: 11:00 a.m.

Friday, November 20, 2026
Business Meeting: 11:00 a.m.

*The commission's 2026 education session will be on Saturday, September 12, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m., at Cedarbrook Lodge.

WSR 26-17-061
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
(Health Care Cost Transparency Board)
[Filed August 13, 2026, 9:54 a.m.]

The Washington state health care authority's (HCA) health care cost transparency board's nominating committee (committee) is canceling the remaining meeting for 2026. There will be no further meetings this year.

Date	Time	Location
~~October 1, 2026~~ **Canceled**	~~9-10 a.m.~~	~~*Hybrid~~

Visit our HCA web page to learn more about the committee, meeting materials, and Teams information at www.hca.wa.gov.

Sign up to receive announcements about the committee at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAHCA/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAHCA_518.

WSR 26-17-072
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES
(Apprenticeship and Training Council)
[Filed August 14, 2026, 2:15 p.m.]

Pursuant to chapter 42.30 RCW, the Open Public Meetings Act, the location of the October 2026 Washington state apprenticeship and training council (WSATC) and the WSATC compliance review and retention subcommittee (CRRS) meetings have been updated as indicated below.

WSATC Meetings:

Date	Time	Location
October 15, 2026	9:00 a.m.	Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501-5414 For meeting information, visit the L&I website at https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/wsatc.

CRRS Meeting:

Date	Time	Location
October 14, 2026	10:00 a.m.	L&I 7273 Linderson Way S.W. Tumwater, WA 98501-5414 For meeting information, visit the L&I website at https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/wsatc.

For meeting information including agendas, minutes, and any meeting updates, visit the L&I website at https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/wsatc.

If you have any questions, contact Teri Gardner, program specialist 5, phone 360-790-8659, email Teri.Gardner@Lni.wa.gov or Apprentice@Lni.wa.gov.

WSR 26-17-074
AGENDA
OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER
[Filed August 17, 2026, 9:48 a.m.]

Semi-Annual Rule-Making Agenda
July through December 2026

Following is the office of the code reviser's semi-annual rule-making agenda for publication in the Washington State Register pursuant to RCW 34.05.314. There may be additional rule-making activity not on the agenda as conditions warrant.

If you have questions about this rule-making agenda, contact Jennifer Meas, Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 40551, Olympia, WA 98504-0551, phone 360-786-6697, email Jennifer.Meas@leg.wa.gov.

WAC Chapter	Subject Matter	Current Activity		
		Preproposal (CR-101)	Proposed (CR-102) or Expedited (CR-105)	Permanent (CR-103P)
1-06	Possible changes related to public records; and updating a web address for the office of the code reviser's website.			

Jennifer C. Meas
Rules Coordinator

WSR 26-17-077
INTERPRETIVE OR POLICY STATEMENT
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
(Public Employees Benefits Board)
[Filed August 17, 2026, 11:36 a.m.]

The following is a list of administrative policies published by the public employees benefits board (PEBB) program. These policies are effective January 1, 2027. You can download the complete policy statements on the PEBB program rules and policies page at hca.wa.gov/pebb-rules.

The following policies were amended to support the PEBB program:

Policy 11-3: Correcting employing agency and contracted vendor enrollment errors. This policy clarifies the requirements placed on an employing agency or contracted vendor when they correct their own enrollment errors as described in WAC 182-08-187.

Policy 21-1: Exemption from the retiree deferral form requirement. This policy exempts certain retirees and survivors from the deferral form requirement.

Policy 31-1: Verifying dependent eligibility before enrollment. This policy clarifies which documents the PEBB program considers valid for dependent verification and identifies which accounts are included in the dependent verification process.

Policy 31-2: Use of the PEBB spousal plan calculator. This policy provides direction when a PEBB subscriber enrolled in PEBB medical is determining if a premium surcharge will be applied for a spouse or state registered domestic partner enrolled in PEBB medical.

Policy 36-1: Certifying eligibility for a dependent child with a disability who is age 26 or older. This policy applies whenever a subscriber requests to enroll or continue enrollment for a dependent child with a disability who is age 26 or older on their PEBB subscriber account.

Policy 45-2: Special open enrollment (SOE). This policy applies whenever a subscriber requests an enrollment change or election change outside of the PEBB annual open enrollment period.

Addendum 45-2A: Special open enrollment (SOE) matrix: Summary of permitted election changes.

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This policy provides timing requirements for requesting reinstatement due to nonpayment of premiums, or applicable premium surcharges when a state of emergency is declared by the governor of Washington state, as described in chapter 43.06 RCW, or when a federal emergency is declared under 44 C.F.R. Part 206, Subpart B, the IRS recognizes the emergency for purposes of delaying deadlines, and the emergency causes a subscriber to be unable to make premium payments and applicable premium surcharges.

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Policy 91-3: Washington wellness worksite designation program incentive requirements. This policy provides a set of requirements for state agencies to use when offering wellness incentives under the Washington wellness worksite designation program.

New Policy 96-1: Verifying permanent residence address. This PEBB program policy sets forth documentation criteria for proof of permanent residence address when determining whether the subscriber or their dependent resides in the health plan service area.

To receive a hard copy of the policy statements, contact Leanne Clark at P.O. Box 42684, Olympia, WA 98504-2684, or via email at HCAPEBSEBBoardPolicyFeedback@hca.wa.gov.

WSR 26-17-078
INTERPRETIVE OR POLICY STATEMENT
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
(School Employees Benefits Board)
[Filed August 17, 2026, 11:36 a.m.]

The following is a list of administrative policies published by the school employees benefits board (SEBB) program. These policies are effective January 1, 2027. You can download the complete policy statements on the SEBB program rules and policies page at hca.wa.gov/sebb-rules.

The following policies were amended to support the SEBB program:

Policy 11-1: Providing a notice to a school employee. This policy clarifies the requirements of a SEBB organization-to-school employee notice, as stated in WAC 182-31-030(2) and RCW 41.05.009(2).

Policy 11-3: Correcting school employees benefits board organization and contracted vendor enrollment errors. This policy clarifies the requirements placed on a SEBB organization or contracted vendor when they correct their own enrollment errors as described in WAC 182-30-060.

Policy 12-1: Determining the first day of school for SEBB organizations. This policy applies when a SEBB organization is determining the first day of school for the upcoming school year.

Policy 31-1: Verifying dependent eligibility before enrollment. This policy clarifies which documents the SEBB program considers valid for dependent verification and identifies which accounts are included in the dependent verification process.

Policy 31-2: Use of the SEBB spousal plan calculator. This policy provides direction when a SEBB subscriber enrolled in SEBB medical is determining if a premium surcharge will be applied for a spouse or state registered domestic partner enrolled in SEBB medical.

Policy 36-1: Certifying eligibility for a dependent child with a disability who is age 26 or older. This policy applies whenever a subscriber requests to enroll or continue enrollment for a dependent child with a disability who is age 26 or older on their SEBB subscriber account.

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Policy 91-3: Washington wellness worksite designation program incentive requirements. This policy provides a set of requirements for the SEBB organizations to use when offering wellness incentives under the Washington wellness worksite designation program.

WSR 26-17-079
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE
[Filed August 17, 2026, 11:56 a.m.]

Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar
2026-2027

September 28, 2026	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
October 26, 2026	2:00 p.m.	Study session, Downtown Campus
	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
November 16, 2026	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
January 25, 2027	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
February 22, 2027	2:00 p.m.	Study session, Downtown Campus
	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
March 29, 2027	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
April 26, 2027	2:00 p.m.	Study session, Downtown Campus
	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
May 24, 2027	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
June 4, 2027	6:00 p.m.	**Commencement**
June 28, 2027	2:00 p.m.	Study session, Downtown Campus
	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
July 26, 2027	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
August 12-13, 2027	10:00 a.m.	**Board retreat**, to be determined
September 27, 2027	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
October 25, 2027	2:00 p.m.	Study session, Downtown Campus
	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus
November 15, 2027	3:00 p.m.	Meeting, Downtown Campus

WSR 26-17-090
INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Dental Quality Assurance Commission)
[Filed August 18, 2026, 11:25 a.m.]

Notice of Adoption - Interpretive Statement

Title: Dentist Standard of Care - Radiographs, IS-2.1.

Issuing Entity: Dental quality assurance commission (health systems quality assurance).

Subject Matter: The appropriate standard of care for dentists' use of radiographs. Updated to reflect the American Dental Association's 2024 and 2026 guidance.

Effective Date: July 24, 2026.

Contact Person: Debbie Gardner, dental quality assurance commission program manager, dental@doh.wa.gov.

WSR 26-17-093
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
[Filed August 18, 2026, 12:24 p.m.]

NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 26-0023 Remove Outdated Outpatient Hospital Payment Information.

Effective Date: October 1, 2026.

Description: The health care authority (HCA) intends to submit SPA 26-0023 to remove the outpatient hospital services payment information that is under outpatient prospective payment system in the medicaid state plan. This information was initially removed in 2023 as it was outdated and no longer used, but was inadvertently included in subsequent approved SPAs. Therefore, HCA is removing it for clarity and to reflect current policy and practice.

SPA 26-0023 is expected to have no effect on annual aggregate expenditures/reimbursement/payments as it is a "housekeeping" action.

A draft of SPA 26-0023 is available. To request a copy, please contact the person named below (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

CONTACT: Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, 628 8th Avenue S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-1345, TRS 711, email ann.myers@hca.wa.gov.

WSR 26-17-097
NOTICE OF APPEAL
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

[Filed August 18, 2026, 5:34 p.m.]

NOTICE OF APPEAL

RCW 34.05.330(3)

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.330(3), you are hereby notified for publication in the Washington State Register that:

On August 18, 2026, the Governor's Office received an appeal from Phillip Olson, relating to the Department of Fish and Wildlife's denial of a petition to amend or repeal Title 220 WAC (*Department of Fish and Wildlife*).

DATE: August 18, 2026

Kristin Beneski
Chief Legal Counsel to the Governor

WSR 26-17-101
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
LAKE WASHINGTON
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

[Filed August 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m.]

Following is the schedule of regular meetings for Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech) for 2026-27:

Date	Time	Location
October 9, 2026	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	LWTech Campus W305 Board Room
November 9, 2026	4:30 to 6:30 p.m.	LWTech Campus W305 Board Room
December 7, 2026	4:30 to 6:30 p.m.	LWTech Campus W305 Board Room
January 11, 2027	12:00 to 2:30 p.m.	LWTech Campus W305 Board Room
February 8, 2027	4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	LWTech Campus W305 Board Room
March 15, 2027	12:00 to 4:00 p.m.	LWTech Campus W305 Board Room
April 12, 2027	4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	LWTech Campus W305 Board Room
May 14, 2027	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	LWTech Campus W305 Board Room
June 7, 2026 [2027]	12:00 to 2:30 p.m.	LWTech Campus W305 Board Room

If you need further information, contact Hanna Charrette, 11605 132nd Avenue N.E., Kirkland, WA 98034, phone 425-739-8100, email hanna.charrette@lwtech.edu.