

WSR 23-16-143

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Board of Denturists)

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: Health equity continuing competency training for denturists. RCW 43.70.613 (3)(b) directed the rule-making authority for each health profession licensed under Title 18 RCW that is subject to continuing education (CE) to adopt rules requiring a licensee to complete health equity CE training at least once every four years. The statute also directed the department of health (department) to create model rules establishing the minimum standards for health equity CE programs. The department filed model rules for health equity CE minimum standards on November 23, 2022, under WSR 22-23-167. Any rules developed by the board of denturists (board) must meet or exceed the minimum standards in the model rules in WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

The board is adopting new WAC 246-817-159001 to implement ESSB 5229 (chapter 276, Laws of 2021). The board is adopting the health equity model rules, WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830, for denturists to comply with RCW 43.70.613. The adopted rule adds two hours of health equity education, as required in the model rules, to be completed as part of the current continuing competency requirements every four years.

The adopted rule does not change the total CE hours but requires two hours in health equity CE every four years which is absorbed into the existing number of CE hours required. The health equity CE requirement is counted under existing, unspecified CE requirements for the profession.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 246-812-159001.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.30.065, 43.70.040, 43.70.613, 18.130.040.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-10-071 on May 2, 2023.

A final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting Vicki Brown, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4865, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email vicki.brown@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: June 16, 2023.

Joshua Brooks, Chair  
Board of Denturists

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NEW SECTION

**WAC 246-812-159001 Denturist health equity continuing competency training requirements.** (1) A licensed denturist must complete two hours in health equity continuing competency training every four years as described in WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

(2) The two hours of health equity continuing competency a licensed denturist completes counts toward meeting the applicable continuing competency requirements under WAC 246-812-159.

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