

RCW 70.24.130 Adoption of rules. (1) The board shall adopt such rules as are necessary to implement and enforce this chapter, including, but not limited to, rules:

(a) Establishing procedures for taking appropriate action, in addition to any other penalty under this chapter, with regard to health care facilities or health care providers that violate this chapter or the rules adopted under this chapter;

(b) Prescribing stringent safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the persons and records subject to this chapter, consistent with chapter 70.02 RCW;

(c) Establishing reporting requirements for sexually transmitted diseases;

(d) Establishing procedures for investigations under RCW 70.24.024;

(e) Specifying, for purposes of RCW 70.24.024, behavior that endangers the public health, based upon generally accepted standards of medical and public health science;

(f) Defining, for the purposes of RCW 70.24.120, specimens that can be obtained and tests that can be administered for sexually transmitted diseases, blood-borne pathogens, and other infections;

(g) Determining, for purposes of RCW 70.24.340, categories of employment that are at risk of substantial exposure to a blood-borne pathogen; and

(h) Defining, for purposes of RCW 70.24.340, 70.24.360, and 70.24.370, what constitutes an exposure that presents a possible risk of transmission of a blood-borne pathogen.

(2) In addition to any rules adopted by the board, the department may adopt any rules necessary to implement and enforce this chapter.

(3) The procedures set forth in chapter 34.05 RCW apply to the administration of this chapter, except that in case of conflict between chapter 34.05 RCW and this chapter, the provisions of this chapter shall control. [2020 c 76 § 9; 1991 c 3 § 325; 1988 c 206 § 915.]