

WAC 246-320-121 Requests for exemptions, interpretations, alternative methods. This section outlines a process to request an exemption, interpretation, or approval to use an alternative method. This section is not intended to prevent use of systems, materials, alternate design, or methods of construction as alternatives to those prescribed by this chapter.

- (1) A hospital requesting exemption from this chapter must:
 - (a) Send a written request to the department;
 - (b) Include in the request:
 - (i) The specific section of this chapter to be exempted;
 - (ii) Explain the reasons for requesting the exemption; and
 - (iii) When appropriate, provide documentation to support the request.
- (2) A hospital or person requesting an interpretation of a rule in this chapter must:
 - (a) Send a written request to the department;
 - (b) Include in the request:
 - (i) The specific section of this chapter to be interpreted;
 - (ii) Explain the reason or circumstances for requesting the interpretation; and
 - (iii) Where or how the rule is being applied.
 - (c) Provide additional information when required by the department.
- (3) A hospital requesting use of alternative materials, design, and methods must:
 - (a) Send a written request to the department; and
 - (b) Explain and support with technical documentation the reasons the department should consider the request.
- (4) The hospital must keep and make available copies of each exemption, alternative, or interpretation received from the department.

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