

WAC 182-526-0375 Summary of the hearing process. At a hearing under this chapter:

- (1) The administrative law judge (ALJ):
 - (a) Explains the hearing rights of the parties;
 - (b) Marks and admits or rejects exhibits;
 - (c) Ensures that a record is made;
 - (d) Explains that a decision is mailed after the hearing;
 - (e) Notifies the parties of appeal rights;
 - (f) May keep the record open for a time after the hearing if needed to receive more evidence or argument; and
 - (g) May take actions as authorized under this chapter.
- (2) The parties may:
 - (a) Make opening statements to explain the issues;
 - (b) Offer evidence to prove their positions, including oral or written statements of witnesses;
 - (c) Question the witnesses presented by the other parties; and
 - (d) Give closing arguments about what the evidence shows and what laws apply.
- (3) At the end of the hearing, the record is closed unless the ALJ allows more time to file additional evidence. See WAC 182-526-0390.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 17-05-066, § 182-526-0375, filed 2/13/17, effective 3/16/17. Statutory Authority: 2011 1st sp.s. c 15 § 53, chapters 74.09, 34.05 RCW, and 10-08 WAC. WSR 13-02-007, § 182-526-0375, filed 12/19/12, effective 2/1/13.]