

WAC 246-101-610 Handling of confidential information and information exempt from public disclosure—State health officer and department.

(1) The state health officer and department employees shall maintain the confidentiality of health care information in accordance with chapter 70.02 RCW, RCW 42.56.360(2), and any other applicable confidentiality laws.

(2) The state health officer shall establish and implement confidentiality policies and procedures related to employee handling of health care information under this chapter.

(3) The state health officer or department shall:

(a) Require all department employees, contractors, and others with access to health information to sign confidentiality agreements;

(b) Retain current signed confidentiality agreements;

(c) Reference in confidentiality agreements the penalties for violation of chapter 70.24 RCW and administrative actions that may be taken by the department if the confidentiality agreement is violated; and

(d) Renew confidentiality agreements at least annually.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050. WSR 21-11-040 and 22-01-175, § 246-101-610, filed 5/12/21 and 12/17/21, effective 1/1/23; WSR 11-02-065, § 246-101-610, filed 1/4/11, effective 2/4/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050, 43.70.545 and 70.104.030. WSR 00-23-120, § 246-101-610, filed 11/22/00, effective 12/23/00.]