

WSR 23-08-001

AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

[Filed March 22, 2023, 1:25 p.m.]

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WSR 23-08-002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

(Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities)

[Filed March 22, 2023, 1:37 p.m.]

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW) and the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW), the following is the approved schedule of regular meetings for the governor's interagency council on health disparities (council), for the year 2023. The council's meetings are open to the public and access for persons with disabilities may be arranged with advance notice; please contact the staff person below for more information.

Agendas for the meetings listed below are made available in advance via listserv and the council's website (see below). Every attempt is made to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date. However, the council reserves the right to change or amend agendas at the meeting.

2023 Meeting Schedule

Approved by the Council December 15, 2022

Updated March 20, 2023

Meeting Date	Location
Thursday February 16, 2023	TBD: Online via Zoom meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Possibly meet in person and virtual (hybrid) depending on updated guidance.
Tuesday May 23, 2023 rescheduled to May 10, 2023	Hybrid: Physical Location; Labor and Industries Auditorium, 7273 Linderson Way S.W., Tumwater, WA 98501 Virtual via Zoom meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.
Thursday August 17, 2023	Hybrid: Physical location TBD Virtual via Zoom meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.
Wednesday September 13, 2023	Hybrid: Physical location TBD Virtual via Zoom meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.
Thursday December 14, 2023	Hybrid: Physical location TBD Virtual via Zoom meeting, hyperlink provided on website and agenda. Public attendees can access the meeting online.

Start time is 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Time and locations subject to change as needed. See the health disparities council website for the most current information.

If you need further information, please contact Melanie Hisaw, Executive Assistant, Washington State Board of Health, P.O. Box 47990, Olympia, WA 98504-7990, phone 360-236-4110, email melanie.hisaw@sboh.wa.gov, web www.sboh.wa.gov.

Please be advised the council is required to comply with the Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW. This act establishes a strong state mandate in favor of disclosure of public records. As such, the information you submit to the board, including personal information, may ultimately be subject to disclosure as a public record.

WSR 23-08-006
POLICY STATEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
[Filed March 23, 2023, 6:36 a.m.]

REPEAL OF POLICY STATEMENT

CI-21-0001 - Delay in implementation of 200-dollar late fee for applications received outside of the hemp producer application window

The Washington state department of agriculture repeals Policy Statement CI-21-0001. Notification of the policy statement was filed with the office of the code reviser on February 11, 2021 (WSR 21-05-035).

Since the \$200 late fee for applications received outside the hemp producer application window was repealed from chapter 16-306 WAC, Hemp program, this policy statement is no longer necessary and should be repealed.

Derek I. Sandison
Director

WSR 23-08-007

POLICY STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

[Filed March 23, 2023, 6:37 a.m.]

REPEAL OF POLICY STATEMENT

CI-21-0002 - Incorporating changes from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Final Rule into the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Hemp Program

WSDA repeals Policy Statement CI-21-0002. Notification of the policy statement was filed with the office of the code reviser on September 29, 2021 (WSR 21-20-061).

Since the changes from USDA final rule have been incorporated into chapter 16-306 WAC, Hemp program, and the delay in the Drug Enforcement Agency registration for hemp testing laboratories is superseded by Policy Statement CI-23-0001, this policy statement is no longer necessary and should be repealed.

Derek I. Sandison
Director

WSR 23-08-008
INTERPRETIVE OR POLICY STATEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
[Filed March 23, 2023, 6:38 a.m.]

On March 20, 2023, the Washington state department of agriculture (WSDA) signed a policy statement delaying the requirement that laboratories conducting testing of hemp obtain United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration. There is currently insufficient capacity for testing of hemp in the United States. To allow the federal government sufficient time to work with industry to address this issue, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and, therefore, WSDA will continue to delay enforcement until December 31, 2023.

A copy of the policy statement may be obtained by accessing our website or by contacting Gloriann Robinson, Agency Rules Coordinator, 1111 Washington Street S.E., P.O. Box 42560, Olympia, WA 98504-2560, phone 360-902-1802, email wsdarulescomments@agr.wa.gov.

POLICY STATEMENT

Number: CI- 23-0001

Subject: Delay in requirement for DEA laboratory registration for conducting testing of hemp.

Supersedes: CI-21-0002.

Contact: Jessica Allenton, Assistant Director, Commodity Inspection Division, email jallenton@agr.wa.gov, phone 360-902-1828.

Approved By: Derek I. Sandison, Director.

Date Approved: March 22, 2023.

To provide clarity regarding the delay of enforcement of the requirement to use laboratories registered with DEA for testing hemp, WSDA issues this policy statement pursuant to RCW 34.05.230.

Description: Section 10113 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) legalized the commercial production of hemp nationwide after several decades of it being controlled under the Controlled Substances Act. The final rule on the establishment of a domestic hemp production program (86 F.R. 5596), published by USDA on March 22, 2022, requires laboratories conducting hemp testing to be registered with DEA. However, since the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, DEA has not agreed to register labs that test high-THC cannabis. As Washington is a state with legal adult-use cannabis, there is a conflict, as laboratories with the capacity to test for hemp also test high-THC cannabis and therefore cannot be DEA registered. USDA acknowledges that this conflict presents a challenge for states with legal cannabis programs and has continuously delayed their DEA laboratory registration requirement in response. To allow the federal government sufficient time to work with industry to address this issue, WSDA is also delaying enforcement of the federal requirement for hemp testing laboratories to obtain DEA registration.

Delay in Requirement for DEA Laboratory Registration: The 2018 Farm Bill allows the production of hemp in the United States and no longer includes hemp as a controlled substance. Hemp with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) level of 0.3 percent or less on a dry weight basis is not a controlled substance in Washington state. We also know that weather and other factors may affect the THC level in hemp and that labs may receive material that is over the 0.3 percent THC level and is, by definition, a controlled substance. USDA's F.R. requires that laboratory testing of hemp for the purpose of determin-

ing compliance under the United States Domestic Hemp Product Program be conducted by laboratories appropriately registered with DEA.

Per WAC 16-306-090, THC level testing of Washington-produced hemp is conducted by laboratories either run or approved by WSDA. In light of the USDA guidance, DEA registration is not currently a requirement for WSDA approval of a hemp testing laboratory.

USDA is permitting WSDA to delay enforcement of the requirement to use laboratories registered with the DEA for testing (7 C.F.R §§ 990.3 (a)(3)(i) and 990.26(e)). Under this guidance, testing can be conducted by labs that are not yet DEA registered until December 31, 2023. This change will allow additional time to increase DEA-registered analytical lab capacity.

All laboratories engaged in the testing of hemp through this interim period will be subject to the compliance requirements of chapter 16-306 WAC. Specifically, labs must adhere to the standards of performance as outlined within chapter 16-306 WAC, including the requirement to test for total THC employing post-decarboxylation or other similarly reliable methods. All labs that wish to continue hemp testing will have to make arrangements to be compliant with DEA registration requirements before this period of delayed enforcement expires.

WSR 23-08-011

POLICY STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed March 23, 2023, 2:20 p.m.]

This memo serves as notice that the Washington medical commission (commission) is withdrawing the interpretive statement for physician assistants' use of DEA waiver for buprenorphine, which was filed September 9, 2022, and published in WSR 22-19-015.

The commission is withdrawing this policy statement because, due to a federal change, it is no longer needed.

Individuals requiring information on this rule should contact Michael Farrell, JD, policy development manager for the commission, 509-329-2186.

Tami M. Thompson
Regulatory Affairs Manager

WSR 23-08-012

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed March 23, 2023, 2:24 p.m.]

NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0021
April 2023 Fee Schedule Updates.

Effective Date: April 1, 2023.

Description: The health care authority (HCA) intends to submit medicaid SPA 23-0021 to update the fee schedule effective dates for several medicaid programs and services. This is a regular, budget-neutral update to keep rates and billing codes in alignment with the coding and coverage changes from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the state, and other sources. These changes are routine and do not reflect significant changes to policy or payment.

SPA 23-0021 is expected to have no effect on the annual aggregate expenditures/payments for the services listed above. These changes are routine and do not reflect significant changes to policy or payment.

HCA is in the process of developing the SPA. HCA would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy of the SPA when it becomes available or submit comments, you may contact the person named below (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

CONTACT Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504, TRS 711, email ann.myers@hca.wa.gov.

WSR 23-08-013

POLICY STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed March 23, 2023, 4:05 p.m.]

This memo serves as notice that the podiatric medical board (board) is rescinding the Policy Statement PO 20-51.4 for Continuing Medical Education Requirements During the COVID-19 Response, which was filed September 28, 2022, and published in WSR 22-20-053.

The board is rescinding this policy statement because it expired December 31, 2022, and is no longer needed.

Individuals requiring information on this rule should contact Lana Crawford, program manager, Lana.Crawford@doh.wa.gov, 564-669-1455.

Tami M. Thompson
Regulatory Affairs Manager

WSR 23-08-016
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
(Pullman Service and Activities Fees Committee)
[Filed March 24, 2023, 8:50 a.m.]

The following is the schedule of regular meetings for the Washington State University (WSU) - Pullman service and activities fees committee for academic year 2023-24.

Date	Time	Location
March 21, 2023	4:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Lighty Room 405, WSU, Pullman, WA https://wsu.zoom.us/j/95619782762? pwd=MVdGRWdBK2wyR3Vqai9lVFgzOUtNZz09
March 22, 2023	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Lighty Room 405, WSU, Pullman, WA https://wsu.zoom.us/j/97262970381? pwd=aWpGemF0MVgzQy9oVFRNS0FjZjVXQT09
March 23, 2023	4:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Lighty Room 405, WSU, Pullman, WA https://wsu.zoom.us/j/95948564913? pwd=a3EzUDcraUJYNklaVWx6NFVDQIR6UT09
March 28, 2023	4:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Lighty Room 405, WSU, Pullman, WA https://wsu.zoom.us/j/91314729025? pwd=MHNSsmJkbVQ1OUJEd0EzT0QvNG01UT09
March 29, 2023	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Lighty Room 405, WSU, Pullman, WA https://wsu.zoom.us/j/91540787040? pwd=RGRtSFZVZ2wwbXl0d2pYWGxKS1N5dz09
March 30, 2023	4:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Lighty Room 405, WSU, Pullman, WA https://wsu.zoom.us/j/96839356362? pwd=YktyRVU1UjZwRC9vdkh4UW5HbEMzZz09

The committee voted to cancel the meeting on March 29 due to availability. For further information, contact Axis Zarcone, Office of Student Affairs, WSU, P.O. Box 641066, Pullman, WA 99164-1066, 509-335-4531, 509-335-7070, axis.zarcone@wsu.edu, <https://studentaffairs.wsu.edu>.

**WSR 23-08-019
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION**

[Filed March 24, 2023, 3:18 p.m.]

As required by RCW 42.30.075, Open Public Meetings Act, the following schedule is submitted for publishing in the Washington State Register.

The Washington state parks and recreation commission (commission) will be holding their regularly scheduled commission meeting on the following dates and locations.

April 12, 13	Historic Davenport Hotel 10 South Post Street Spokane, WA 99201
May 31	Virtual
July 12, 13	Ocean Shores Convention Center 120 West Chance A La Mer N.W. Ocean Shores, WA 98569
August 23	Virtual
October 18, 19	Sun Mountain Lodge 604 Patterson Lake Road Winthrop, WA 98862
November 15	Virtual
December 6, 7 Commission planning meeting for 2024	Seattle TBD

The virtual meeting times and access links will be posted on the agency's website two weeks prior to the meeting.

Regular meetings run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and include an opportunity for public comment.

The commission typically meets in a work session from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day prior to the regular meeting in the same location or at a location near the regular meeting location. Work sessions are educational sessions on park operations and issues that eventually may go before the commission.

The public is welcome to attend all commission meetings. Meeting sites will be barrier free to the greatest extent feasible. The commission will provide Braille or taped agenda items for the visually impaired and interpreters for those with hearing impairments if a request is received at the appropriate address shown above at least 10 working days in advance of the scheduled meeting date.

A recording is retained by the commission as the formal record of the meeting. The recording is accessible on the commission's website approximately one week after the meeting, <http://parks.state.wa.us>.

WSR 23-08-020
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
 [Filed March 24, 2023, 3:57 p.m.]

The transportation commission (WSTC) has set its meeting schedule for 2023. WSTC will hold Zoom virtual meetings January - March 2023 and plans to hold in-person meetings starting April 2023.

Following is WSTC's 2023 meeting schedule:

January 18 and 19	Wednesday and Thursday	Virtual/Olympia
February 15 and 16	Wednesday and Thursday	Virtual/Olympia
March 14 and 15	Tuesday and Wednesday	Virtual/Olympia
April 18 and 19	Tuesday and Wednesday	Ellensburg
May 16 and 17	Tuesday and Wednesday	Olympia
June 21 and 22	Wednesday and Thursday	Friday Harbor
July 18 and 19	Tuesday and Wednesday	Olympia
August 10	Thursday	Seattle
September 12 and 13	Tuesday and Wednesday	Eugene, Oregon
September 14	Thursday	Vancouver
October 17 and 18	Tuesday and Wednesday	Olympia
November 14 and 15	Tuesday and Wednesday	Pasco Tri-Cities
December 12 and 13	Tuesday and Wednesday	Olympia

Meetings are planned to be held between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The meeting location for the Olympia in-person meetings will be in Room 1D2 of the Transportation Building, 310 Maple Park Drive S.E., Olympia, WA.

Facilities for our local meetings are yet to be determined. Locations and addresses will be published on the WSTC website prior to the meeting date.

WSR 23-08-022
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION BOARD

[Filed March 24, 2023, 5:04 p.m.]

The community economic revitalization board (CERB) will hold regularly scheduled business meetings on the following dates:

2023 Meetings	Location
January 19, 2023	Ramada Inn Olympia, Washington
March 16, 2023	Lacey Conference Center
May 18, 2023	Washington State Department of Commerce
July 20, 2023	Lacey Conference Center
September 14, 2023	Lacey Conference Center
November 16, 2023	Lacey Conference Center

The meeting location for the May 18, 2023, CERB business meeting has been changed to the Washington State Department of Commerce, 1011 Plum Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504.

The meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

The agenda packet for each meeting will be posted on the CERB website one week prior to each meeting www.commerce.wa.gov/cerb.

Please contact the CERB main line at 360-764-9820 for additional information or find us on the web at www.commerce.wa.gov/cerb.

WSR 23-08-025
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Environmental Justice Council)
[Filed March 27, 2023, 8:55 a.m.]

2023 Meeting Schedule

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW) and the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW), the following is the schedule of regular meetings for the Washington state environmental justice council (council) for 2023. The council's meetings are open to the public. Community access to the meetings and language justice are priorities for the council. Members of the public can contact staff (see below) to request language interpreters at meetings, translated meeting materials, or accommodations to improve the accessibility of council meetings and materials.

Agendas for the meetings listed below are made available in advance via listserv and the council's website (see below). Every attempt is made to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date. However, the council reserves the right to change or amend agendas at the meeting. Meeting links, call-in, information, and locations (as applicable) are posted here <https://waportal.org/partners/home/environmental-justice-council/environmental-justice-council-meetings>.

Meeting Date	Location
Thursday, January 26, 2023 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Virtual only
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Virtual only
Special Meeting Wednesday, March 22, 2023 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Virtual only
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Hold, to meet only if needed
Wednesday, May 24, 2023 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Virtual only
Thursday, June 22, 2023 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Hold, to meet only if needed
Thursday, July 27, 2023 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Location to be determined
Thursday, September 28, 2023 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Location to be determined
Thursday, October 26, 2023 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Hold, to meet only if needed
Thursday, November 16, 2023 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Location to be determined
Thursday, December 14, 2023 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Hold, to meet only if needed

Time and locations subject to change as needed. See Environmental Justice Council | WaPortal.org for the most current information. Contact council staff at envjustice@ejc.wa.gov or 360-584-4398.

WSR 23-08-028

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

[Filed March 27, 2023, 2:14 p.m.]

Following is the UPDATED 2023 schedule of the regular meetings of the public disclosure commission (PDC).

- Thursday, January 26
- Thursday, February 23
- Thursday, March 23
- Thursday, April 27
- Thursday, May 25
- Thursday, June 22 Update - meeting location
 Spokane Convention
 Center
- Thursday, July 27
- Thursday, August 24
- Thursday, September 21
- Thursday, October 26
- Thursday, December 7 November/December
 meeting

All regular meetings begin at the time and at the location described in WAC 390-12-010. The meeting location is typically the PDC office, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Olympia, WA. More information about PDC meetings is available on the PDC website at www.pdc.wa.gov.

The PDC meeting will be streamed live at <https://www.TVW.org>. PDC members and staff may join meeting remotely.

WSR 23-08-034

DEPARTMENT OF

LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed March 29, 2023, 9:14 a.m.]

Prevailing Rate of Wage Publication - Rate Corrections

Pursuant to RCW 39.12.015, 39.12.020, and WAC 296-127-011, on March 24, 2023, the industrial statistician determined and published on the internet a correction to prevailing wage rates. The corrected rates will become effective 30 days after publication, on April 23, 2023.

This correction will impact the ironworkers and roofers trades in multiple counties.

For more information on prevailing wage or a copy of the rates, please visit our website at <https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/public-works-projects/prevailing-wage-rates/> or call 360-902-5335.

Tracy West
Rules Coordinator

WSR 23-08-035

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

(Paid Family and Medical Leave Advisory Committee)

[Filed March 29, 2023, 9:42 a.m.]

2023 Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
April 26	4 - 5 p.m.	Meeting will be electronic participation only. Remote participation details are included in the agenda.
May 31	1 - 3 p.m.	Meeting will be electronic participation only. Remote participation details are included in the agenda.
June 28	1 - 3 p.m.	Meeting will be electronic participation only. Remote participation details are included in the agenda.
July 26	1 - 3 p.m.	Meeting will be electronic participation only. Remote participation details are included in the agenda.
August 30	1 - 3 p.m.	Meeting will be electronic participation only. Remote participation details are included in the agenda.
September 27	1 - 3 p.m.	Meeting will be electronic participation only. Remote participation details are included in the agenda.
October 25	1 - 3 p.m.	Meeting will be electronic participation only. Remote participation details are included in the agenda.
November 29	1 - 3 p.m.	Meeting will be electronic participation only. Remote participation details are included in the agenda.
December 27	1 - 3 p.m.	Meeting will be electronic participation only. Remote participation details are included in the agenda.

If you need further information, contact Taiyler Brown, taiyler.brown@esd.wa.gov, <https://paidleave.wa.gov/advisory-committee/>.

WSR 23-08-036

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed March 29, 2023, 9:46 a.m.]

NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPA) 23-0016 Safety Net Assessment Fund and 23-0017 Small Rural Disproportionate Share Hospital Supplemental Payment Methodology.

Effective Date: May 12, 2023.

Description: The health care authority (HCA) intends to submit two medicaid SPAs to address the supplemental payment methodologies for prospective payment system (PPS) and small rural disproportionate share (SRDSH) hospitals starting on May 12, 2023, the day after the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE), to align with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services increased federal match percentage.

SPA 23-0016 will update the fee-for-service supplemental payment methodology described in the medicaid state plan for inpatient and outpatient services provided in PPS hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, and border hospitals.

SPA 23-0016 is expected to increase the allowed aggregate fee-for-service supplemental payment amounts for inpatient and outpatient services. Effective May 12 through December 31, 2023, for hospitals designated as PPS hospitals, the allowed supplemental payment pools will be increased by \$5,829,653. For hospitals designated as free-standing psychiatric specialty hospitals, the allowed supplemental payment pool will be increased by \$85,168 per state fiscal year. For hospitals designated as freestanding rehabilitation specialty hospitals, the allowed supplemental payment pool will be increased by \$21,900 per state fiscal year. For hospitals designated as border hospitals, the allowed supplemental payment pools will be increased by \$48,668 per state fiscal year.

SPA 23-0016 is under development. To request a draft copy when it becomes available or submit comments, please contact the person named below. Please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment.

SPA 23-0017 will update the fee-for-service supplemental payment methodology described in the medicaid state plan for hospitals designated as SRDSH hospitals. SPA 23-0017 is expected to increase the allowed supplemental payment pool for these hospitals to \$106,055.46 for May 12 through December 31, 2023.

SPA 23-0017 is under development. To request a draft copy when it becomes available or submit comments, please contact the person named below. Please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment.

SPA 23-0016 CONTACT: Benjamin Davis-Bloom, Hospital Rates, 626 8th Avenue S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-0459, TRS 711, email ben.davis-bloom@hca.wa.gov.

SPA 23-0017 CONTACT: Mary O'Hare, Hospital Rates, 626 8th Avenue S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-9820, TRS 711, email mary.ohare@hca.wa.gov.

WSR 23-08-043

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed March 30, 2023, 11:14 a.m.]

NOTICE

Subject: Washington state medicaid transformation project (MTP) waiver—Notice of MTP waiver amendment request and public comment period.

Purpose: If approved, the MTP amendment would provide health care coverage to youth and children, who are some of Washington's most vulnerable people.

The health care authority (HCA) invites you to provide public comment on the draft amendment application for MTP. MTP is Washington state's Section 1115 demonstration waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). **The public comment period begins Thursday, April 20 and ends Monday, May 22.**

HCA and the department of social and health services (DSHS) are requesting an amendment to the current MTP waiver, which would authorize:

- Medicaid coverage for former foster care youth (also known as alumni coverage in Washington) from other states who turn (or turned) 18 prior to January 1, 2023.
- Continuous enrollment for apple health (medicaid) coverage for children under the children's health insurance program (CHIP) during the first six years of their lives.

Learn more at hca.wa.gov/about-hca/programs-and-initiatives/medicaid-transformation-project-mtp/mtp-amendment-request.

Public comment period: As part of the amendment request, HCA will hold a public comment period from April 20 to May 22, 2023. During this time, people can share their feedback on the amendment request or MTP.

Public comment is open to anyone who would like to share feedback. HCA encourages health care and social service providers, accountable communities of health, tribal nations, Indian health care providers, managed care organizations, hospitals and health systems, medical associations, community-based organizations, and the public to provide feedback.

The deadline to provide public comment is Monday, May 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. PST. Share comments by emailing medicaidtransformation@hca.wa.gov. More information, including the draft amendment request, executive summary, upcoming public hearings, and additional ways to provide public comment, is available at hca.wa.gov/about-hca/programs-and-initiatives/medicaid-transformation-project-mtp/mtp-amendment-request. (Please note all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment.)

For additional information, contact Chase Napier, MTP Director, Policy Division, MTP, Washington State Health Care Authority, P.O. Box 45502, Olympia, WA 98504-5502, email medicaidtransformation@hca.wa.gov.

WSR 23-08-044

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Dispensing Optician Examining Committee)

[Filed March 30, 2023, 11:45 a.m.]

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting[s] Act (chapter 42.30 RCW) and the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW), the following is the revised schedule of regular meetings for the department of health (DOH), dispensing optician examining committee (committee) for the year 2023. The committee meetings are open to the public and access for persons with disabilities may be arranged with advance notice; please contact the staff person below for more information.

Agendas for the meetings listed below are made available in advance via GovDelivery and the DOH website (see below). Every attempt is made to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date. However, the committee reserves the right to change or amend agendas at the meeting.

Date	Time	Location
September 25, 2023	9:00 a.m.	TBD

If you need further information, please contact Kristina Bell, Program Manager, DOH, Dispensing Optician Program, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4841, fax 360-236-2901, email Kristina.bell@doh.wa.gov, web www.doh.wa.gov.

Please be advised the committee is required to comply with the Public Disclosure [Records] Act, chapter 42.56 RCW. This act establishes a strong state mandate in favor of disclosure of public records. As such, the information you submit to the committee, including personal information, may ultimately be subject to disclosure as a public record.

WSR 23-08-045
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
[Filed March 30, 2023, 12:09 p.m.]

Notice of Public Meeting and Comment Period

The Washington state department of ecology (ecology) and department of health (health) want your input on the draft phthalates action plan.

Ecology and health, with input from a broad group of stakeholders, have developed a draft action plan to address phthalates, a hormone-disrupting chemical group. This draft action plan provides recommendations to reduce the use, release, and exposure of phthalates to people and the environment.

Ecology invites you to review the draft action plan and provide written comments from May 1 to June 14, 2023. Ecology will host two informational public workshops on the draft action plan.

Viewing the draft action plan: Starting on **May 1, 2023**, the draft action plan will be available for review on the following web page <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-toxic-chemicals/Addressing-priority-toxic-chemicals/Phthalates>.

Submitting written comments: Ecology will accept online comments on the draft action plan from **May 1 to June 14, 2023**. Comments must be submitted no later than **11:59 p.m.** on June 14, 2023.

To submit a comment online, fill out the online comment form <https://hwtr.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=haD3V>.

Public workshops: Ecology will host two virtual public workshops on the draft action plan. During the workshops, ecology staff will provide a brief background on phthalates, explain the draft recommendations, and answer questions. We ask that you submit formal comments using the online comment form.

Public workshop #1: Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. PDT. Join through the link <https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/86093626837>, Meeting ID 860 9362 6837; or join by calling +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma).

Public workshop #2: Thursday, May 18, 2023, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. PDT. Join through the link <https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/86939196846>, Meeting ID 869 3919 6846; or join by calling +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma).

Project background: Phthalates are a class of chemicals that are used to make many consumer products. They are used to add flexibility to plastics and extend the life of scents in fragrances. They do not form strong bonds with the materials they are in, which means they easily escape from products into our homes and the environment.

We are developing this action plan because phthalates are endocrine disruptors and can impact hormone systems in humans. Endocrine disruptors can affect reproduction and development, especially in children and people of childbearing age. For more background information on phthalates, please visit our web page <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-toxic-chemicals/Addressing-priority-toxic-chemicals/Phthalates>.

Ecology contact: If you have any questions, please contact Chemical Action Team, Washington State Department of Ecology, email ChemActionPlans@ecy.wa.gov.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
ENVIRONMENTAL AND
LAND USE HEARINGS OFFICE
(Pollution Control Hearings Board)
[Filed April 4, 2023, 3:07 p.m.]

The pollution control hearings board has changed the following regular meeting:

From:		
Date	Time	Location
May 30, 2023	1:30 p.m.	Remote meeting (Zoom): https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2085041575? pwd=TExsSGI5VzJGWURnZzIvUGcyQysvZz09, Meeting ID 208 504 1575, Passcode 074042, Physical location: 1111 Israel Road S.W., Suite 301, Tumwater, WA 98501
To:		
June 1, 2023	1:30 p.m.	Remote meeting (Zoom): https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2085041575? pwd=TExsSGI5VzJGWURnZzIvUGcyQysvZz09, Meeting ID 208 504 1575, Passcode 074042, Physical location: 1111 Israel Road S.W., Suite 301, Tumwater, WA 98501

If you need further information, contact Jamie Merly, 1111 Israel Road S.W., Suite 301, Tumwater, WA 98501, 360-485-1282, jamie.merly@elaho.wa.gov, fax 360-586-2253, www.elaho.wa.gov.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed April 4, 2023, 3:24 p.m.]

NOTICE

Subject: Washington State Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP) waiver - amended notice of MTP waiver amendment request and public comment period.

Purpose: If approved, the MTP amendment would provide health care coverage to youth and children, who are some of Washington's most vulnerable people.

This notice amends the notice filed under WSR 23-08-043. New information is underlined below.

The health care authority (HCA) invites you to provide public comment on the draft amendment application for MTP. MTP is Washington state's Section 1115 demonstration waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. **The public comment period begins Thursday, April 20 and ends Monday, May 22.**

HCA and the department of social and health services (DSHS) are requesting an amendment to the current MTP waiver, which would authorize:

- Medicaid coverage for former foster care youth (also known as alumni coverage in Washington) from other states who turn (or turned) 18 prior to January 1, 2023.
- Continuous enrollment for children's health insurance program (CHIP) coverage for CHIP children during the first six years of their lives.

Learn more at hca.wa.gov/about-hca/programs-and-initiatives/medicaid-transformation-project-mtp/mtp-amendment-request.

Public comment period: As part of the amendment request, HCA will hold a public comment period from April 20 to May 22, 2023. During this time, people can share their feedback on the amendment request or MTP.

Public comment is open to anyone who would like to share feedback. HCA encourages health care and social service providers, accountable communities of health, tribal nations, Indian health care providers, managed care organizations, hospitals and health systems, medical associations, community-based organizations, and the public to provide feedback.

The deadline to provide public comment is Monday, May 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. PST. Share comments by emailing medicaidtransformation@hca.wa.gov. More information, including the draft amendment request, executive summary, upcoming public hearings, and additional ways to provide public comment, are available at hca.wa.gov/about-hca/programs-and-initiatives/medicaid-transformation-project-mtp/mtp-amendment-request. Please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment.

For additional information, contact Chase Napier, MTP Director, Policy Division, MTP, HCA, P.O. Box 45502, Olympia, WA 98504-5502, email medicaidtransformation@hca.wa.gov.