

WSR 22-02-013

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: The department of health (department) is repealing chapter 246-826 WAC, Health care assistants, in support of ESSB 6237 (chapter 153, Laws of 2012). The bill created a career pathway for medical assistants and eliminated the health care assistant profession. ESSB 6237 created the medical assistant professions under chapter 18.360 RCW and repealed chapter 18.135 RCW, Health care assistants. In support of ESSB 6237, the department is repealing the health care assistant rules under chapter 246-826 WAC. Without the statute, the rules governing health care assistants are not enforceable and chapter 246-826 WAC must be repealed.

Due to staffing shortages and competing priorities, the department has been unable to address this area of cleanup until now.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 246-826-020, 246-826-030, 246-826-040, 246-826-050, 246-826-060, 246-826-070, 246-826-080, 246-826-100, 246-826-110, 246-826-120, 246-826-130, 246-826-140, 246-826-150, 246-826-160, 246-826-170, 246-826-180, 246-826-200, 246-826-210, 246-826-230, 246-826-300, 246-826-301, 246-826-302, 246-826-303, and 246-826-990.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 43.70.040.

Other Authority: ESSB 6237 (chapter 153, Laws of 2012).

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 21-18-106 on August 31, 2021.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 24.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 24.

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REPEALER

The following chapter of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 246-826-020	Delegation of functions to health care assistants.
WAC 246-826-030	Supervision of health care assistants.
WAC 246-826-040	Certification of health care assistants.
WAC 246-826-050	Renewal of health care assistants.
WAC 246-826-060	Department of health responsibilities.
WAC 246-826-070	Maintenance of listing of drugs and functions authorized.
WAC 246-826-080	Medication, diagnostic agent, and vaccine list.
WAC 246-826-100	Health care assistant classification.
WAC 246-826-110	Qualified trainer.
WAC 246-826-120	Provision of health care assistants training.
WAC 246-826-130	Category A minimum requirements.
WAC 246-826-140	Category B minimum requirements.
WAC 246-826-150	Category C minimum requirements.
WAC 246-826-160	Category D minimum requirements.
WAC 246-826-170	Category E minimum requirements.
WAC 246-826-180	Category F minimum requirements.
WAC 246-826-200	Hospital or nursing home drug injection.
WAC 246-826-210	Intravenous medications flow restrictions.
WAC 246-826-230	AIDS prevention and information education requirements—Health care assistants.
WAC 246-826-300	Definitions.
WAC 246-826-301	Hemodialysis technician, category G minimum requirements to perform hemodialysis.
WAC 246-826-302	Minimum training standards for mandatory hemodialysis technician training programs.
WAC 246-826-303	Minimum standards of practice and core competencies of hemodialysis technicians.
WAC 246-826-990	Health care assistant fees and renewal cycle.