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**INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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This memo serves as notice that the department of health (department), in consultation with the Washington state board of nursing (board), is rescinding an interpretive statement for WAC 246-840-4659, which was filed on December 21, 2018, and published as WSR 19-02-019.

The department is rescinding this interpretive statement because a permanent rule has been adopted in its place. The board engaged in rule making to clarify the application of the advanced practice pain management rules in nursing homes and long-term acute care hospitals and incorporated the interpretive statement into permanent rule. The proposed rule was adopted by the board in a rule hearing on May 12, 2023. The permanent rule was filed on June 29, 2023, as WSR 23-14-082.

Individuals requiring information on this rule should contact Jessilyn Dagum, policy analyst, at 360-236-3538 or WABONRules@doh.wa.gov.