



January 2025 Rules Agenda

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State Board of Health Rulemaking

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| State Board of Health | <p>Chapter 246-650 WAC, Newborn Screening.</p> <p>The State Board of Health is considering adding ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency (OTCD) to the list of mandatory conditions for newborn screening conducted by the Department of Health.</p> | 22-05-012 | Anticipate Filing | | | <p>Molly Dinardo 564-669-3455</p> <p>Kelly Kramer 564-233-5340</p> |
| State Board of Health | <p>Chapter 246-260 WAC, Water recreation facilities; and chapter 246-262 WAC, Recreational water contact facilities.</p> <p>The State Board of Health will consider adopting requirements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Model Aquatics Health Code (MAHC), modifying the rules to keep pace with changing water recreation technologies, and to improve clarity and usability including possible consolidation of all water recreation rules into a single chapter.</p> | 17-01-048 | | | | <p>Ashley Noble 360-236-3736</p> <p>Ashlie Laydon ashlie.laydon@doh.wa.gov</p> |
| State Board of Health | <p>Chapter 246-760 WAC, Auditory Screening Standards in Schools</p> <p>The State Board of Health (Board) is considering amending the auditory screening sections of chapter 246-760 WAC to align with current national evidence-based practices and assess potential options regarding whether to include otoacoustic emission (OAE) screening technology in the Board's rules. The Board may also consider other technical or editorial changes as needed.</p> | 23-22-004 | Anticipate Filing | | | <p>Molly Dinardo 564-669-3455</p> |

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| State Board of Health | Chapter 246-650 WAC, Newborn Screening. The State Board of Health is considering adding Guanidinoacetate methyltransferase (GAMT) deficiency and Arginase 1 deficiency (ARG1-D) to the list of mandatory conditions for newborn screening conducted by the Department of Health. | 23-24-016 | Anticipate Filing | | | Molly Dinardo 564-669-3455 Kelly Kramer 564-233-5340 |
| State Board of Health | Primary and Secondary School Environmental Health and Safety regulations. The State Board of Health (Board) is considering creating a new chapter (chapter 246-370 WAC) of draft rules for school environmental health and safety. The Board will consider establishing minimum statewide health and safety standards for schools, formalizing school environmental health and safety inspection procedures, and repealing chapters 246-366 and 246-366A WAC | 24-13-117 | | | | Andrew Kamali 360-584-6737 |
| State Board of Health | Chapter 246-282 WAC - Sanitary Control of Shellfish. The State Board of Health is considering amending rules to modify harvest control requirements, update definitions, seed size, and make other technical and editorial changes as needed. | 22-06-034 | | | | Shay Bauman 564-669-8929 Kseniya Efremova 360-236-3449 |
| State Board of Health | Sanitary Control of Shellfish, Minimum Performance Standards, WAC 246-282-005. The Department of Health, under delegated authority, is proposing to amend WAC 246-282-005(1)(a) to adopt by reference the 2023 version of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program's | | 25-02-007 | Anticipate Filing | | Shay Bauman 564-669-8929 Kseniya Efremova |

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| | (NSSP) Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish (guide). This rulemaking is necessary to update the publication date of the NSSP guide adopted by reference from 2019 to the most recently adopted 2023 version. | | | | | 360-236-3449 |
| State Board of Health | <p>Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) – State action levels, state maximum contaminant levels and public notifications for Group A public water supplies in chapter 246-290 WAC.</p> <p>The State Board of Health (Board) is considering amending WAC 246-290-315, State Action Levels (SALs) and State Minimum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) and WAC 246-290-71006, Public notice for contaminants with a SAL and other unregulated contaminants to align with the federal Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) new federal standards for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).</p> | 24-20-093 | Anticipate Filing | | | <p>Shay Bauman 564-669-8929</p> <p>Kseniya Efremova 360-236-3449</p> |
| State Board of Health | <p>Chapter 246-101 WAC, Notifiable Conditions.</p> <p>The State Board of Health is considering updating the COVID-19 reporting requirements in the rule to alleviate the current reporting burdens for regulated entities, while maintaining necessary data for disease surveillance. No other changes will be considered or made to the rule at this time.</p> | Anticipate Filing | | | | <p>Molly Dinardo 564-669-3455</p> |

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| Board of Denturists | <p>Removing barriers for denturist licensure.</p> <p>The Board of Denturists (board) is considering updates to reduce licensure barriers and will address jurisprudence exam and examination requirements for Denturists. The board is considering adopting substantial equivalency standard rules within WAC 246-812-120, WAC 246-812-125, WAC 246-812-159, and other applicable rules in order to comply with Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023).</p> | 24-10-064 | Anticipate Filing | | | Adriana Barcena 360-236-4865 |
| Board of Hearing and Speech | <p>Chapter 246-828, reducing licensure barriers and clarifying speech-language pathology assistant certification requirements.</p> <p>The Board of Hearing and Speech is proposing amendments to WAC 246-828-020 Examinations, 246-828-510 Continuing Education, and 246-828-617 requirements for speech-language pathology assistant certification.</p> | 24-08-058 | 25-02-001 | Anticipate Filing | | Kim-Boi Shadduck 360-236-2912 |
| Board of Massage | <p>WAC 246-830-035 Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants.</p> <p>The Department of Health, in coordination with the Board of Massage, is examining and may consider amending this section of the massage therapist rules related to</p> | 23-07-064 | Anticipate Filing | | | Devin Brooks 360-236-4945 |

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| | licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants. | | | | | |
| Board of Massage | WAC 246-830-430 Education and training. The Board of Massage in coordination with the Department of Health is considering amendments to the education and training rules to include parameters on online and virtual education and adding health equity awareness training to initial licensure requirements for new massage licensees. | 23-12-002 | Anticipate Filing | | | Devin Brooks 360-236-4945 |
| Board of Naturopathy | Naturopathic licensure requirements. WAC 246-836-020, Requirements for licensure and WAC 246-836-040, Jurisprudence examinations. The Board of Naturopathy is considering amendments to licensure requirements relating to the jurisprudence examination as a condition for licensure and to clarify, update, and simplify rules to comply with Second Substitute House bill (2SHB) 1724, (chapter 425, Laws of 2023) codified as RCW 18.130.077 | 24-10-050 | Anticipate Filing | | | Rachel Phipps 564-233-1277 |
| Board of Nursing | ARNP Education requirements for licensure, updating definition of graduate-level education. WAC 246-840-010, 246-840-340, and 246-840-342. | 24-05-022 | 24-20-129 | Anticipate Filing | | Jessilyn Dagum 360-236-3538 |

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| Board of Nursing | <p>Nursing Assistant (NA) skills testing, chapter 246-841A WAC.</p> <p>The Washington State Board of Nursing (board) is considering amendments and technical changes to existing rule sections and the establishment of new rule sections to implement skills testing by training programs.</p> | <p>24-20-087</p> <p>Anticipate withdrawing</p> | | | | <p>Jessilyn Dagum</p> <p>360-236-3538</p> |
| Board of Nursing | <p>Education and experience requirements for nurse administrators of baccalaureate nursing education programs in Washington state, amending WAC 246-840-517 and other related sections in chapter 246-840 WAC.</p> <p>The Washington State Board of Nursing (board) is considering amendments to education and experience requirements for nurse administrators of baccalaureate nursing education programs in response to Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (E2SSB) 5582 (Chapter 126, Laws of 2023) codified as RCW 18.79.150.</p> | <p>24-21-151</p> | <p>Anticipate Filing</p> | | | <p>Jessilyn Dagum</p> <p>360-236-3538</p> |
| Board of Nursing | <p>Registered nurse (RN) and licensed practical nurse (LPN) licensing and continuing competency rules.</p> <p>The Washington State Board of Nursing (board) is considering amendments to WAC 246-840-015 through 246-840-260 to clarify and update outdated language, rewrite and reformat existing rules to reflect current best practices, and</p> | <p>24-24-011</p> | | | | <p>Jessilyn Dagum</p> <p>360-236-3538</p> |

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| | <p>restructure sections as necessary, as part of the board's 5-year formal rule review process in accordance with RCW 43.70.041. The board is conducting this review in a phased approach. This rulemaking is Phase 1 of the board's formal review process. The board will consider additional topics to reduce barriers and simplify regulations for multistate licensure applicants, reduce barriers for applicants educated outside the United States, and explore limiting NCLEX attempts before remediation. The board also plans to address impacts from upcoming proposals from bills passed in the 2025 Legislative Session during this phase</p> | | | | | |
| Board of Nursing Home Administrators | <p>Administrator-in-training (AIT) programs and endorsement.</p> <p>The Board of Nursing Home Administrators (board) is considering amendments to WAC 246-843-090, 246-843-095, and 246-843-230 to consider aligning with the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards AIT program which could make the instructions easier to understand and make language consistent with other states' AIT programs. The board is also considering amending language for endorsement requirements to align with RCW 18.130.077.</p> | 24-21-101 | | | | <p>Shelbee Scrimo 360-236-4723</p> |

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| Board of Physical Therapy | Physical Therapy Initial license and endorsement requirements for 2SHB 1724. The Board of Physical Therapy is proposing amendments to WAC 246-915-030, 246-915-039, 246-915-040, 246-915-085 to implement 2SHB 1724. | 23-24-101 | 24-21-14 25-03-003 Continuance | Anticipate Filing | | Allyson McIver 360-236-2878 |
| Board of Physical Therapy | Physical Therapy Compact Update WAC 246-915A-010. The compact recently made additional updates to the compact rules and the Board of Physical Therapy will need to update the date in rule. | | | Anticipate Filing | 24-20-033 | Allyson McIver 360-236-2878 |
| Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission | WAC 246-808-010, 246-808-105 through 246-808-140, 246-808-180 through 246-808-190, 246-808-510, 246-808-535, and 246-808-801 through 246-808-830. Amending the chiropractic credentialing requirements. | 23-05-053 | Anticipate Filing | | | Betty Moe 360-236-2868 |
| Dental Quality Assurance Commission | WAC 246-817-905 Exclusions. Dental Opioid Prescribing Exclusions for RHCs, WAC 246-817-905 The Dental Quality Assurance Commission is considering adding Residential Habilitation Centers to the list of opioid prescribing exclusions. | 23-22-030 | 24-20-025 | Anticipate Filing | | Debbie Gardner 360-236-4277 |
| Dental Quality Assurance Commission | Dental Licensure Without Exam, WAC 246-817-135, 246-817-160 The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering amending WAC 246-817-135 to remove requirements | 24-15-022 | Anticipate Filing | | | Debbie Gardner 360-236-4277 |

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| | <p>pertaining to federal or state tax numbers when applying for licensure without an examination. The commission is also considering amending WAC 246-817-160 to clarify clinical and didactic education and training requirements for foreign-trained dentists and graduates of non-accredited schools or programs.</p> | | | | | |
| Dental Quality Assurance Commission | <p>Dental Assistant Registration, WAC 246-817-190.</p> <p>Adding minimum age requirements for dental assistant registration. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) is considering amending WAC 246-187-190 (Dental assistant registration) to include a minimum age requirement for dental assistant registration.</p> | 24-16-138 | Anticipate Filing | | | Debbie Gardner 360-236-4277 |
| Dental Quality Assurance Commission | <p>Licensure requirements for expanded function dental auxiliaries, WAC 246-817-195.</p> <p>The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering amending WAC 246-817-195, Licensure requirements for expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDA), to allow the amalgam clinical patient requirement to be optional</p> | Anticipate Filing | | | | Debbie Gardner 360-236-4637 |

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| Dental Quality Assurance Commission | Dentist Compact (compact). The Dental Quality Assurance Commission and the Department of Health are considering adding new section(s) to chapter 246-817 WAC to implement provisions of Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1576 (chapter 297, Laws of 2023), codified as chapter 18.33 RCW, which creates a new interstate compact for dentists and gives member states the discretion to charge a fee for granting compact privileges. | 24-21-097 | Anticipate Filing | | | Debbie Gardner 360-236-4637 |
| Dental Quality Assurance Commission | Clarifying continuing education requirements for dentists administering sedation. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering amending WAC 246-817-773, Continuing education for dentists administering sedation, to ensure clear continuing education requirements. | 24-21-038 | Anticipate Filing | | | Debbie Gardner 360-236-4637 |
| Department of Health | Public Records The Department of Health (department) is considering creating a new chapter within Title 246 WAC regarding public records. The department is considering amending and relocating its existing public records rules in chapter 246-08 WAC and adopting new rules as necessary. Changes under consideration are a result of changes in statutes, changes in internal operations, | 23-15-012 (withdrawn) New Filing 24-22-127 | 25-02-093 | | | Melanee Auldredge 360-819-6768 |

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| | staffing reorganization, and an effort to provide clear, concise, and reasonable rules. | | | | | |
| Department of Health | <p>Title 246 WAC - Increasing the Washington physician health program (WPHP) surcharge assessed to physicians, physician assistants, osteopathic physicians, podiatric physicians, dentists, and veterinarians, and correcting the HEAL-WA fee for speech-language pathologists.</p> <p>The Department of Health (department) is proposing amendments to WAC 246-817-990, 246-853-990, 246-918-990, 246-919-990, 246-922-990, and 246-933-990 to update fee changes made by House Bill (HB) 1972 (chapter 15, Laws of 2024) codified in RCW 18.71.310, 18.71A.020, 18.57.015, 18.22.250, 18.32.534, and 18.92.047. The department is also proposing to correct an error in the fee table in WAC 246-828-990 for speech-language pathologist inactive license.</p> | | | Anticipate Filing | 24-24-026 | Heather Cantrell 360-236-4637 |
| Department of Health | Title 246 WAC - Establishing a New Chapter Relating to Rapid Health Information Network Data Reporting (RHINO) | 17-21-075 | Anticipate Filing | | | Samantha Zee Samantha.zee.wa.gov |
| Department of Health | Certified Peer Specialist and Trainee Credential, Title 246 WAC. | 23-16-037 | 24-23-063 | Anticipate Filing | | Ted Dale 360-236-2991 |

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| | The department is considering rulemaking to establish the new Certified Peer Specialist and Trainee credentials under SSB 5555 (Chapter 469, Laws of 2023). | | | | | |
| Department of Health | <p>Chapter 246-08 WAC, Practice and Procedure, rules regarding Department of Health adjudicative proceedings for declaratory orders; public record requests; agency indexes; and general agency administrative processes.</p> <p>The Department of Health is reviewing existing rules within the chapter to identify amendments that may be necessary as a result of changes in statutes, changes in internal operations, opportunities to streamline processes to reduce regulatory burden without compromising public health and safety, and to provide clear, concise and reasonable rules.</p> <p>This rulemaking excludes: WAC 246-08-390 Acquisition, security, disclosure and destruction of health information; and WAC 246-08-400, How much can a health care provider charge for searching and duplicating health care records.</p> | 19-16-114 | | | | Tami Thompson 360-628-0096 |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-12 WAC Advanced suicide education standards. | 21-04-054 | Anticipate Filing | | | Kelsey Cato 564-669-1196 |

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| Department of Health | Updating the definition of veteran in WAC 246-12-530 and 246-12-560. The Department of Health (department) is proposing changes to replace the term “honorable discharge” with “qualifying discharge”. | | | Anticipate Filing | 24-24-083 | Brandon Williams 360-913-4643 |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-70 WAC, Cannabis Product Compliance. The Department of Health is opening this chapter to consider updating the term "marijuana" to "cannabis," to examine the definition of compliant product, to review compliant product labeling, and align quality assurance standards with the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. | 22-23-001 | Anticipate Filing | | | Loralei Walker 360-236-2820 |
| Department of Health | X-Ray in healing arts, Chapter 246-225 WAC. The Department of Health will consider amending existing rules and adopting new rules to address advancements in technology for radiation therapy and fluoroscopic X-ray and plan review shielding requirements. | 24-03-137 | Anticipate Filing | | | Ashlie Laydon ashlie.laydon@doh.wa.gov Richard Montemarano 360-236-3238 |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-272B WAC, LOSS Penalty Schedule The Department of Health is considering amending chapter 246-272B WAC to adopt | 24-13-109 | 24-21-102 | Anticipate Filing | | Ashlie Laydon ashlie.laydon@doh.wa.gov Andrew Jones (360) 236-3378 |

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| | a penalty schedule for the issuance of civil penalties. | | | | | |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-275 WAC. Establishing a new chapter for on-site non-potable water systems. | 21-17-04 | | | | Kseniya Efremova 360-236-3449 |
| Department of Health | Testing Requirements for Proprietary Treatment Products in WAC 246-272A-0110. The Department of Health is proposing to add NSF/ANSI 40 testing to WAC 246-272A-0110, Table I for Category 2 products. | 24-11-058 | 24-22-133 | Anticipate Filing | | Peter Beaton peter.beaton@doh.wa.gov |
| Department of Health | WAC 246-290-990, Public water system fees. The Department of Health is considering amending public water system fees to cover operating costs. | 24-08-068 | | | | Peter Beaton peter.beaton@doh.wa.gov |
| Department of Health | Certificate of Need, Adult Elective Percutaneous Coronary Intervention program The Department of Health is considering amendments to 246-310-700 to 246-310-755, in response to a rulemaking petition to amend the adult elective PCI certificate of need requirements. | 24-03-083 | Anticipate Filing | | | Eric Hernandez eric.hernandez@doh.wa.gov |
| Department of Health | WACs 246-320-010, 246-320-500, 246-320-505, 246-320-600 and other sections of | 23-15-082 | 24-24-082 | Anticipate Filing | | Susan Upton 360-236-2948 |

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| | chapter 246-320 WAC relevant to construction standards. The Department of Health (department) is considering amending the hospital licensing regulations to align with the current national construction standards. | | | | | |
| Department of Health | Behavioral Health Agency and Residential Treatment Facility fee updates. The Department of Health (department) is considering rule amendments to update Behavioral Health Agency (BHA) and Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) fees. Updates to BHA fees, WAC 246-341-0365, and RTF fees, WAC 246-337-990 may also consider changes to clarify and standardize language | 24-15-132 | Anticipate Filing | | | Heather Cantrell 360-236-4637 |
| Department of Health | Acute care hospital at home. The Department of Health is considering rulemaking to establish standards for hospital at-home services and implement SHB 2295 by amending WAC 246-320-010, 246-320-199 and creating a new section or sections in chapter 246-320 WAC. | 24-16-059 | Anticipate Filing | | | Tiffani Buck 564-233-1121 |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-329, WAC, Childbirth Centers. The Department of Health is considering updates to clarify, consolidate, and modernize the chapter. | 22-06-058 | Anticipate Filing | | | John Hilger 360-236-2929 |

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| Department of Health | Residential Treatment Facilities, Uniform Facilities Enforcement Framework, chapter 246-337 WAC | 25-03-002 | | | | Dan Overton 360-236-2953 |
| Department of Health | 23-hour crisis relief centers for minors in Washington state. The Department of Health (department) is considering amending the behavioral health agency regulations in chapter 246-341 WAC, including but not limited to WAC 246-341-0903, to implement Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (E2SSB) 5853 (chapter 367, Laws of 2024), an act relating to extending the crisis relief center (CRC) model to provide behavioral health crisis services for minors. | 24-13-112 | | | | Dan Overton 360-236-2953 |
| Department of Health | Behavioral Health Agencies Reporting Requirement, chapter 246-341 WAC, 2SSB 6228 (2024) | 24-20-032 | Anticipate Filing | | | Dan Overton 360-236-2953 |
| Department of Health | Residential Treatment Facilities and psychiatric hospitals. The Department of Health is considering rules to implement Substitute House Bill 2075 (2024) for Indian Health Care Provider attestation in chapters 246-337 and 246-322 WAC. | 24-24-023 | Anticipate Filing | | | Michelle Weatherly 360-236-2992 |
| Department of Health | Behavioral Health Agency (BHA), Uniform Facilities Enforcement Framework, chapter 246-341 WAC | Anticipate Filing | | | | Michelle Weatherly 360-236-2992 |

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| Department of Health | WAC 246-358-990, Temporary Worker Housing Fees. The Department of Health is considering updating or creating new fees in to cover operating costs for the Temporary Worker Housing program. | 24-03-138 | | | | Juan Gamez 360-628-6620 Peter Beaton peter.beaton@doh.wa.gov |
| Department of Health | Private Detention Facilities. The Department of Health is considering creating a new chapter (chapter 246-385 WAC) to set operational health and safety standards for private detention facilities. | 23-23-079 | | | | Kseniya Efremova 360-236-3449 |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-453 WAC, Hospital Charity Care. The Department of Health is considering amendments to implement new requirements in Substitute Senate Bill 6273 (chapter 623, Laws of 2018) and Substitute House Bill 1616 (chapter 197, Laws of 2022). Updates may be needed to ensure that the rules are current and align with best practices. The department will also consider adding a new section to address requirements for clarity and conciseness. | 22-20-069 | Anticipate Filing | | | Carrie Baranowski 360-236-4210 |
| Department of Health | WAC 246-454-010, 246-454-020, 246-454-090, and 246-454-110, Hospitals – system of accounting, financial reporting, budgeting, cost allocation. The Department of Health is considering amendments to existing rules to implement new requirements in Engrossed 2nd | 21-23-082 (withdrawn) New Filing 24-15-024 | 24-22-090 | Anticipate Filing | | Carrie Baranowski 360-236-4210 |

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| | Substitute House Bill 1272. Updates may be needed to ensure that the rules are current and align with best practices. The department will also consider adding a new section to address requirements for clarity and conciseness. | | | | | |
| Department of Health | <p>Chapter 246-490 WAC (Vital Statistics) and chapter 246-491 (Vital Statistics – Certificates)</p> <p>The Department of Health is considering amending and repealing existing rules, and creating new rules related to vital records. The rules may establish registration and amendment requirements for vital records; update or add program processes to align with statutory changes; adopt fees associated with amendment and delayed birth applications; add or adjust fees associated with the issuance of certifications and informational copies; add or remove data items collected in a vital record; expand use of electronic registration of a vital event; make editorial and technical changes to align with statutory changes; and repeal obsolete sections of rule.</p> | 23-04-062 | Anticipate Filing | | | Kelly Thomson 360-236-2274 |

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| Department of Health | Chapter 246-780 WAC. Electronic benefit payments for farmers market nutrition program, also to be known as e-FMNP. The Department is considering updating the chapter to allow for electronic benefit payments for the farmers market nutrition program. | 23-07-101 | 24-22-091 | Anticipate Filing | | Karen Mullen 360-515-8279 Me'Kyel Bailey 360-764-9161 |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-790 WAC Special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC). The Department of Health is considering changes to the rule which would allow for more variety in WIC vendor types. | 23-22-061 | | | | Karen Mullen 360-515-8279 Me'Kyel Bailey 360-764-9161 |
| Department of Health | WAC 246-803-240, 246-803-130 Occupational English Test for Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine (AEMP) | Anticipate Filing | | | | Adriana Barcena 360-236-4865 |
| Department of Health | Chiropractic fees and renewal cycle updates. The Department of Health (department) is considering revisions to WAC 246-808-990 to update chiropractic and X-ray technician licensure, registration, and renewal fees including any clarifying updates. | 24-16-084 | | | | Betty Moe 360-236-2868 |

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| Department of Health | Chapter 246-809 WAC The Department of Health is considering rulemaking to implement recommendations developed under 2SHB 1724 (Chapter 425, Laws of 2023) to support the behavioral health workforce and lower barriers to licensure. Professions potentially impacted by this rulemaking include mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, social workers, and associates. | 24-10-012 | Anticipate Filing | | | Lana Crawford 564-669-1455 |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-809 WAC The Department of Health (department) is considering amending, repealing or creating new sections in chapter 246-809 WAC to implement recent legislation by establishing: (1) a directory to help mental health counselor, marriage and family therapist, and social worker associates find supervisors; (2) standards for supervision of associates; (3) a stipend program to offset some costs of supervision; and (4) other changes as appropriate. | 24-02-038 (withdrawn) New Filing 24-10-010 | Anticipate Filing | | | Brandon Williams 360-913-4643 |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-810 WAC The Department of Health is considering rulemaking to: (1) implement 2SHB 1724 (Chapter 425, Laws of 2023), which created two new agency affiliated counselor credential types; (2) implement E2SHB 1504 (Chapter 170, Laws of 2021), which allowed student interns to become agency | 21-21-036 (withdrawn) New Filing 23-16-044 | 24-22-101 | Anticipate Filing | | Carmen Leso 360-742-1463 |

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| | affiliated counselors; and to update the chapter as appropriate. | | | | | |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-811 WAC The Department of Health is considering rulemaking to implement recommendations developed under 2SHB 1724 (Chapter 425, Laws of 2023) to support the behavioral health workforce and lower barriers to licensure. Professions potentially impacted by this rulemaking include substance use disorder professionals and trainees. | 24-10-011 | 25-01-103 | Anticipate Filing | | Claire Wilson 564-669-0392 |
| Department of Health | Dental Hygienists Continuing Education. The Department of Health is considering rulemaking that would amend WAC 246-815-140. | Anticipate Filing | | | | Kitty Einert 360-236-4843 |
| Department of Health | Dentists and Dental Hygienist Silver Diamine Fluoride, WAC 246-814-020. The Department of Health is considering rulemaking that would amend WAC 246-814-020, Practices Authorized. | Anticipate Filing | | | | Kitty Einert 360-236-4843 |

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| Department of Health | Dental Hygienists Infection Control. The Department of Health is considering rulemaking that would amend Chapter 246-815 WAC. | Anticipate Filing | | | | Kitty Einert 360-236-4843 |
| Department of Health | Dental Hygienist Compact (compact). The Department of Health, in consultation with the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee, is considering establishing new section(s) of rule to chapter 246-815 WAC in order to implement Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1576 (chapter 297, Laws of 2023), codified as chapter 18.33 RCW, which creates a new interstate compact for dental hygienists and gives member states the discretion to charge a fee for granting compact privileges. | 24-21-056 | Anticipate Filing | | | Kitty Einert 360-236-4843 |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-819 Dental therapist. The Department of Health (department) is considering establishing a new chapter of rules, chapter 246-819 WAC, for the dental therapist profession to implement Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1678 (Chapter 460, Laws of 2023). | 23-22-058 | Anticipate Filing | | | Bruce Bronoske 360-236-4843 Kitty Einert 360-236-4843 |

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| Department of Health | <p>Athletic trainers, amending WAC 246-916-030 to update the endorsement section in response to 2SHB 1724.</p> <p>The Department of Health is proposing rulemaking to update substantial equivalency standard rules.</p> | <p>24-13-078 (withdrawn)</p> <p>New Filing 24-21-034</p> | Anticipate Filing | | | <p>Allyson McIver 360-236-2878</p> |
| Department of Health | <p>Dietitians or Nutritionists, Chapter 246-822 WAC.</p> <p>The Department of Health is considering rulemaking to implement 2SHB 1724 and consider national credentials for dietitians and nutritionists.</p> | Anticipate Filing | | | | <p>Kim-Boi Shaddock 360-236-2912</p> |
| Department of Health | <p>Medical assistant medication administration requirements and apprenticeship programs.</p> <p>The Department of Health (department) is considering rule amendments to WAC 246-827-0010, 246-827-0200 and 246-827-0240 to align with statutes updated by Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1073 (chapter 134, Laws of 2023) and Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5983 (chapter 248, Laws of 2024) and ensure rules that the rules are current and align with best practices. The department will also consider adding a new section, WAC 246-827-0340, to address the medication administration requirements for the medical assistant-registered credential.</p> | <p>23-20-118 (withdrawn)</p> <p>New Filing 24-14-096</p> | 24-22-100 | Anticipate Filing | | <p>Becky McElhiney 360-236-4766</p> |

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| Department of Health | <p>Medical assistant- emergency medical technician (MA-EMT) - Establishing the credential.</p> <p>The Department of Health (department) is considering rule amendments and adding new sections to chapter 246-827 WAC, Medical assistants, to implement Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5940 (chapter 217, Laws of 2024)</p> | 24-15-100 | Anticipate Filing | | | Becky McElhiney 360-236-4766 |
| Department of Health | <p>Chapter 246-850 WAC, Orthotics and Prosthetics Rules</p> <p>The Department of Health (department), along with the Orthotics and Prosthetics Advisory Committee, is considering amendments to comply with recent legislation. To align chapter 246-850 WAC with Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1724 (Chapter 425, Laws of 202), the department is considering amending the Jurisprudence examination as a requirement for licensure and possibly incorporating knowledge of professional jurisprudence into continuing competency requirements for orthotics and prosthetists. As part of this project, the department will consider amending WACs 246-850-060, 246-850-140, and 246-850-150.</p> | 24-21-096 | Anticipate Filing | | | Rachel Phipps 564-233-1277 |

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| Department of Health | Anesthesiologist Assistant profession fees. The Department of Health (department), in consultation with the Washington Medical Commission (commission), is considering rulemaking to establish a new section in chapter 246-921 WAC (new) to create licensing and regulation fees for anesthesiologist assistants. | 24-23-060 | Anticipate Filing | | | Heather Cantrell 360-236-4637 |
| Department of Health | Certification of magnetic resonance imaging technologists. Chapter 246-926 WAC. The department is considering adding new sections to and updating sections of chapter 246-926 WAC, Radiologic imaging professionals, to implement Substitute House Bill (SHB) 2355 (chapter 94, Laws of 2024), which establishes certification of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technologists. The department will also consider minor housekeeping edits and or updates related specifically to establishing and regulating MRI Techs. | 24-13-114 | Anticipate Filing | | | Tommy Simpson III 564-669-8421 |
| Department of Health | Chapter 246-930 WAC, Sex Offender Treatment Providers. Chapter rewrite based on recommendations from newly established SOTP Advisory Committee. | 22-04-057 | | | | Lana Crawford 564-669-1455 |

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| Department of Health | Chapter 246-980 WAC, Home Care Aides The Department of Health, to align with Senate Bill (SB) 5811 (chapter 322, Laws of 2024), is considering updating the rules to reflect effective statute for continuing education requirements to individuals family members. | Anticipate Filing | | | | Jenni Osbun 360-236-2737 |
| Examining Board of Psychology | Chapter 246-924 WAC The Examining Board of Psychology is considering rulemaking to implement recommendations developed under 2SHB 1724 (Chapter 425, Laws of 2023) to support the behavioral health workforce and lower barriers to licensure. Additionally, the board will consider updating licensure requirements for psychologists. | 24-11-005 | Anticipate Filing | | | Nancy Delgado 360-236-4951 |
| Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission | Chapter 246-945 WAC, Adding a new section pertaining to medication assistance and the settings in which medication assistance occurs. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission and Department of Health are filing jointly to reinstate rules on medication assistance as permitted under chapter 69.41 RCW. | 22-02-015 | 24-21-154 | Anticipate Filing | | Joshua Munroe 360-502-5058 |
| Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission | Pharmacy Mobile opioid Treatment Program Units The pharmacy quality assurance commission (commission) is considering | 23-18-046 | Anticipate Filing | | | Haleigh Mauldin 360-890-0720 |

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| | amending WAC 246-945-060 and 246-945-250 and adding new sections in chapter 246-945 WAC to exempt mobile opioid treatment program (OTP) units from having to obtain separate registrations, as long as they are covered under the OTP site's controlled substance registration, and to develop more comprehensive facility requirements for analytical laboratories and dog handlers among other facilities that are licensed under the other controlled substance registration. | | | | | |
| Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission | Chapter 246-945 WAC. Transfer practices for a dispensed prescription drug for the purpose of re-dispensing or subsequent administration to a patient | 23-20-115 | Anticipate Filing | | | Joshua Munroe 360-502-5058 |
| Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission | Dialysate and Dialysis Device Manufacturers and Wholesalers in Home Dialysis Programs. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission is considering amending WAC 246-945-090, 246-945-091, 246-945-092, and 246-945-093 and creating new sections in chapter 246-945 WAC to include manufacturers and distributors of dialysate and dialysis devices in home dialysis program rules under the commission's jurisdiction. The amendments under consideration are in response to statutory | 23-21-010 | 24-14-140 Supplemental 24-24-028 | Anticipate Filing | | Julia Katz 360-791-1167 |

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| | changes made by Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1675 (chapter 23, Laws of 2022). | | | | | |
| Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission | Chapter 246-945 WAC, Prescription drug label accessibility standards. WAC 246-945-016 and WAC 246-945-417 The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission is opening these rules to consider including prescription label accessibility standards and is also considering new sections to chapter 246-945 WAC on the subject of prescription drug label accessibility. | 22-09-065 | 24-17-046 | Anticipate Filing | | Joshua Munroe 360-502-5058 |
| Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission | Pharmacy wholesaler reporting of suspicious orders and zero reports. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission is considering amending WAC 246-945-585, Wholesaler-Suspicious orders and due diligence, and creating a new section of rule in chapter 246-945 WAC to clarify expectations for wholesalers submitting suspicious order and zero order reports to the commission. | 23-10-012 | Anticipate Filing | | | Haleigh Mauldin 360-890-0720 |

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| Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission | <p>Permanent Facility Closure Reporting Requirements.</p> <p>The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering amending WAC 246-945-480 and creating new sections in chapter 246-945 WAC to improve notifications and prescription transfer directions provided to patients when the facility closes permanently. This action is in response to a rule petition filed by an interested party and approved by the commission at its December 2023 business meeting.</p> | 24-13-061 | 25-01-067 | Anticipate Filing | | <p>Julia Katz</p> <p>360-791-1167</p> |
| Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission | <p>Uniform Facility Enforcement Framework for Pharmacy.</p> <p>The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission is considering amending and establishing a new section in chapter 246-945 WAC to implement a uniform enforcement tool for pharmaceutical firms provided by Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5271 (chapter 121, Laws of 2024). Other amendments to sections in chapter 246-945 WAC to implement ESSB 5271 may also be considered.</p> | 24-15-057 | Anticipate Filing | | | <p>Julia Katz</p> <p>360-791-1167</p> |
| Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission | <p>Considering adding kratom to the list of Schedule I substances.</p> <p>The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering amending WAC 246-945-051 and adding new sections to chapter 246-945 WAC to</p> | 24-18-005 | Anticipate Filing | | | <p>Joshua Munroe</p> <p>360-502-5058</p> |

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| | add kratom and its active compounds to the list of Schedule I substances in response to a petition request to do so. | | | | | |
| Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission | Clarifying the utilization of pharmacy ancillary personnel. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering amending WAC 246-945-001, 246-945-315, 246-945-317, 246-945-320, and potentially adding a new section in chapter 246-945 WAC to clarify the utilization of pharmacy ancillary personnel and technology within the pharmacy. | 24-18-032 | Anticipate Filing | | | Haleigh Mauldin 360-890-0720 |
| Podiatric Medical Board | Removing licensure barriers for podiatric physicians and surgeons. WAC 246-922-055, Reciprocity requirements. The Podiatric Medical Board (board) is considering updates to reduce licensure barriers for podiatric physicians and surgeons. The board is considering amending reciprocity requirements in order to comply with Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023) codified at RCW 18.130.077. | 24-16-137 | Anticipate Filing | Anticipate Filing | | Tommy Simpson 360-236-4910 |
| Veterinary Board of Governors | WAC 246-933-010 Definitions and 246-933-200 Veterinary Client Patient Relationship. The Veterinary Board of Governors is considering amending existing rules and | 22-17-101 | 24-21-098 | Currently paused | | Poppy Budrow 564-669-0026 |

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| | potentially adding a new section of rules to establish additional standards for veterinary telemedicine services. | | | | | |
| Veterinary Board of Governors | Animal health care tasks for and supervision of veterinary technicians and veterinary medication clerks. The Veterinary Board of Governors (board) is considering updates and revisions to WAC 246-935-050 animal health care tasks, WAC 246-935-040 responsibilities of a veterinarian supervising a licensed veterinary technician or unregistered assistant, WAC 246-935-010 definitions (veterinary technicians), and WAC 246-937-010 definitions (registered veterinary medication clerks). | 23-18-060 | Anticipate Filing | | | Poppy Budrow 564-669-0026 |
| Veterinary Board of Governors | Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Licensure Requirements. The Veterinary Board of Governors (board) is considering updates to licensure, reactivation, continuing education, and examination requirements, which may include adding a new section in chapter 246-933 WAC and chapter 246-935 WAC to implement Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023) and Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1009 (chapter 165, Laws of 2023). | 24-10-093 | Anticipate Filing | | | Poppy Budrow 564-669-0026 |
| Washington Medical Commission | New sections in chapters 246-918 and 246-919 WAC regarding collaborative drug therapy agreements. | 20-16-008 | | | | Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336 |

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| Washington Medical Commission | <p>Physicians and Physician Assistants general provision for opioid prescribing and tapering rules.</p> <p>The Washington Medical Commission (commission) is considering amending the following rules to modernize the language, add clarity, and bring the rules more in line with current practice: WAC 246-918-801 (physician assistants) Exclusions, WAC 246-918-845 (physician assistants) Patient Evaluation and Patient Record—Subacute Pain, WAC 246-918-855 (physician assistants) Patient Evaluation and Patient Record—Chronic Pain, WAC 246-918-870 (physician assistants) Periodic Review—Chronic Pain, WAC 246-918-900 (physician assistants) Tapering Considerations—Chronic Pain, WAC 246-919-851 (physicians) Exclusions, WAC 246-919-895 (physicians) Patient Evaluation and Patient Record—Subacute Pain, WAC 246-919-905 (physicians) Patient Evaluation and Patient Record—Chronic Pain, WAC 246-919-920 (physicians) Periodic Review—Chronic Pain, and WAC 246-919-950 (physicians) Tapering Considerations—Chronic Pain. The Washington Medical Commission (commission) is considering amending these WACs to modernize the language, add clarity, and bring the rules more in line with current practice.</p> | 23-17-094 | 24-07-106 Supplemental 24-18-091 | Anticipate Filing | | Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336 |

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| Washington Medical Commission | Establishing the Use of Nitrous Oxide in Office-Based Settings Under WAC 246-919-601 | 24-11-104 | Anticipate Filing | | | Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336 |
| Washington Medical Commission | Define “qualified physician” as it pertains to advanced optometry procedures in chapter 246-919 WAC. | Anticipate Filing | | | | Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336 |
| Washington Medical Commission | Opioid Prescribing Rules - General Provisions for Medical Doctors and Physician Assistants in chapters 246-918 WAC and 246-919 WAC. | Anticipate Filing | | | | Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336 |
| Washington Medical Commission | Establishing the Anesthesiologist Assistant profession in new chapter 246-921 WAC. | 24-18-057 | Anticipate Filing | | | Amelia Boyd 360-918-6336 |