

WSHA's Top Priority State Rules Tracker - 2019

Priority	NAME OF RULE, AGENCY & DESCRIPTION	STATUS	ADOPTION DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	WSHA POSITION	WSHA CONTACT
1	Hospital licensing fee increase. The Department of Health is planning to propose increases to initial and renewal licensing fees for acute care, psychiatric, and chemical dependency hospitals. Current fees do not provide sufficient funds to license, inspect, investigate, and perform other regulatory work to protect patient safety.	Issue brief Hospital fee cost	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsaha.org
1	Charity care – The Department of Health will consider rulemaking to revise the state regulations pertaining to charity care (WAC 246-453) to comply with legislation passed in 2018.	Pre-proposal Rulemaking activity	N/A	N/A	CONCERNS	Zosia Stanley zosias@wsaha.org
1	Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Trauma Care Systems - WAC 246-976 - Department of Health he Department of Health (DOH) is updating EMD sections to align with national standards and respond to legislative requirements by: (1) considering updates to align with current national standards; (2) making regulations more clear and concise; (3) responding to statutory requirements; and (4) streamlining initial and renewal application processes for prehospital services licenses and EMS provider certification. ((Ch. 246-976 WAC))	Pre-proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsaha.org
Z	Chapter 246-873A WAC Hospital Pharmacy Associated Clinics. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is establishing standards supporting the regulation, inspection, and investigation of pharmacy services provided in individual practitioner offices and multi-practitioner clinics owned and operated by a hospital based on a level of risk and the type of pharmacy services provided at a particular location.	Emergency rule Pre-Proposal	N/A	Effective Nov 29, 19	SUPPORT	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsaha.org
1	Revisions to EAP Exemption from the Minimum Wage Act - The Department of Labor and Industries is engaged in rulemaking of the Executive, Administrative and Professional workers ("EAP") exemption from the Minimum Wage Require and Labor Standards statute. The proposed changes would increase the minimum salary threshold for these non-hourly workers, and generally shrink the number of workers who qualify for exemption. This would trigger greater overtime pay obligations. This is the second pre-proposal draft. Formal rulemaking proposal is expected in January 2019.	Proposal Proposed Rule language Factsheet Q&A	N/A	N/A	CONCERNS	Jaclyn Greenberg jaclyng@wsaha.org
1	Pharmacy Re-Write Project: Operational Standards - As part of its general re-write project, The Department of Health (DOH), Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, is considering revising rules around operational standards for facilities under the Commission's jurisdiction and is considering reorganizing these standards into a new chapter or chapters to address any changes identified as needed. (WAC 246-xxx)	Pre-Proposal Draft operational standards	N/A	N/A	SUPPORT	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsaha.org
1	Pharmacy Re-Write Project: Regulatory Framework - As part of its general re-write project, the Department of Health (DOH), Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, is reexamining and modernizing the standards around its regulatory framework or other general provisions applicable to the pharmacy practice as part of an overhaul of all the outdated rules. The rules require modernization to better align with current pharmacy practice, trends and industry standards. (WAC 246-xxx)	Pre-proposal Draft general provisions	N/A	N/A	SUPPORT	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsaha.org
1	Pharmacy Re-Write Project: As part of its general re-write project, the Department of Health (DOH), Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, is considering revising its rules around licensing of pharmacies, facilities, and professionals that fall under the commission's jurisdiction. The commission will reevaluate current licensing standards, and will consider reorganizing licensing standards into a new chapter or chapters to address any changes identified as needed.	Pre-proposal Draft general licensing standards	N/A	N/A	SUPPORT	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsaha.org

1	<p>Pharmacy Re-Write Project: As part of its general re-write project, the Department of Health (DOH), Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, is considering revising its rules around professional standards for pharmacy personnel under the commission's jurisdiction and considering reorganizing these standards into a new chapter or chapters to address any changes identified as needed.</p>	<p>Pre-proposal Draft professional standards</p>	N/A	N/A	SUPPORT	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org
1	<p>Tax Exemption Standards and Requirements for Nonprofit Hospitals (WACs 458-16-210 and -260) - The Washington State Department of Revenue is amending rules -210 and -260 to clarify property tax exemption standards and requirements for non-profit organizations organized and conducted for nonsectarian purposes and nonprofit child day care centers, free libraries, orphanages, homes for sick or infirm, hospitals, outpatient dialysis facilities.</p>	<p>Proposal</p>	4th quarter 2018	N/A	SUPPORT WSHA commented	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org
1	<p>Inpatient Psychiatric Services - The Health Care Authority (HCA) is proposing Medicaid plan changes to update and clarify policy regarding authorization of inpatient behavioral health services. (WAC 182-550-2600). The HCA has advised WSHA this rulemaking is on hold for the time being.</p>	<p>Pre-proposal</p>	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org
1	<p>Health Care Authority - 182-550-2900 Payment limits – Inpatient hospital services; 182-550-2950 – Payment limits – Provider preventable fourteen-day readmissions - The agency is amending WAC 182-550-2900 and adding WAC 182-550-2950 to describe the parameters for fourteen-day provider preventable readmissions</p>	<p>Proposal</p>	Not before June 5, 2019	N/A	NEUTRAL	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org
1	<p>Collaborative Care - The Health Care Authority (HCA) is creating rules for coverage of a new model of care called Collaborative Care, which is part of the integration of mental health and physical health. (WAC 182-531-0425)</p>	<p>Proposal Emergency</p>	Not before April 10, 2019	Emergency rule effective: Nov 16, 2018	MONITOR	Shirley Prasad shirleyp@wsha.org
2	<p>Department of Health - CQIP for non-hospital health care entities - Chapter 246-50 WAC. Coordinated quality improvement program (CQIP), the department of health will review the CQIP chapter and will consider updating the rules for clarification, streamlining, modernization, and other necessary updates for compliance with state statute.</p>	<p>Pre-proposal</p>	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Jaclyn Greenberg jaclyng@wsha.org
2	<p>Pharmacist to Pharmacy Technician Ratio (WAC 246-901-130) - The Department of Health (DOH), Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, is proposing policy changes to eliminate or reduce the current ratio requirements of 1-pharmacist to 3-pharmacy technicians.</p>	<p>Proposal</p>		21-Jun-19	SUPPORT	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org
2	<p>DOH - Washington Medical Commission - WAC 246-919-XXX Physicians WAC 246-918-XXX Physician Assistants - The commission is considering creating two new rule sections, and revising related rule sections as appropriate, to establish a clinical support program (program), its criteria and procedures for allopathic physicians and physician assistants. The intent of the program is to assist practitioners with practice deficiencies related to consistent standards of practice and establish continuing competency mechanisms that will protect patients proactively through a plan of education, training and/or supervision. The commission may resolve practice deficiencies through the program at any point in a practitioner's period of licensure.</p>	<p>Pre-Proposal</p>			MONITOR	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org
2	<p>Department of Health - Notifiable Conditions (Ch. 246-101 WAC) - The Department of Health (DOH) and the State Board of Health (SBOH) will consider adding notification and specimen submission requirements for "new conditions" and conditions currently identified as "other rare diseases of public health significance"; changing notification and specimen submission requirements for existing conditions; clarifying notification requirements for suspected cases; requiring electronic lab notification; revising reporting requirements for veterinarians and the Washington state department of agriculture; updating statutory references in the rules; updating references to the 2006 Security and Confidentiality Guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the most recent publication; harmonizing definitions between WAC 246-100-011 and chapter 246-101 WAC; and improving clarity and usability. See pre-proposal for the list of conditions under consideration.</p>	<p>Pre-Proposal Draft rule Rulemaking page</p>			MONITOR	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org

2	<p>Safe Medication Return Program - The Department of Health (DOH) is creating rules as required by state law to establish a system of regulation for the safe and secure collection and disposal of unwanted medicines through a uniform drug "take-back" program. ESHB 1047 establishes a comprehensive drug take-back program that will be fully financed by the pharmaceutical industry. Rules are necessary to establish a framework for administration, oversight, and enforcement of these drug take-back programs. ESHB 1047 - (2018)</p>	<p>Proposal</p> <p>Rule analysis</p>	Not before May 22, 2019		SUPPORT – undergoing feedback review	<p>Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org</p>
2	<p>WAC 296-20-135 Conversion Factors, WAC 296-23-220 Physical Therapy Rules, and WAC 296-23-230 Occupational Therapy Rules. Medical Aid Rules updates regarding rate setting for most professional health care services for injured workers. These updates may also impact rates for health care services provided to crime victims</p>	<p>Pre-Proposal</p>	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	<p>Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org</p>
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2	<p>Licensure for Mental Health counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers (Ch. 246-809 WAC) - The Department of Health (DOH) is considering developing new and revised requirements related to supervision of associates and the approved supervisor requirements in order to better prepare associates for independent licensure. In addition, the department is considering amending the recordkeeping, education, and continuing education requirements to strengthen the requirements and align them with current trends in practice. The department will also consider making clarifications and technical changes in other licensing standards, as needed.</p>	<p>Pre-proposal</p>	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	<p>Ian Corbridge ianc@wsha.org</p>
2	<p>Pharmacist to Pharmacy Technician Ratio (WAC 246-901-130) - The Department of Health (DOH), Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, is proposing policy changes to eliminate or reduce the current ratio requirements of 1-pharmacist to 3-pharmacy technicians.</p>	<p>Amending language, pending proposal</p> <p>Proposal</p>	26-Apr-19	N/A	SUPPORT	<p>Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org</p>
2	<p>Reimbursement of Health Care Services from a Community Assistance Referral and Education Services Program E2SHB 1358 - (2017) (WACs 182-546-0200, -0250, -0400, -0500, -0700) - The Health Care Authority (HCA) is initiating rule making necessary to implement E2SHB 1358 which directs the agency to adopt standards for the reimbursement of health care services provided to eligible clients by fire departments pursuant to a community assistance referral and education services program under RCW 35.21.930. The standards must allow payment for covered health care services provided to individuals whose medical needs do not require ambulance transport to an emergency department.</p>	<p>Pre-proposal</p>	N/A	N/A	CONCERNS	<p>Ian Corbridge ianc@wsha.org</p>
2	<p>Physician-related services definitions - 182-531-0050 - Adding the definition of Medication Assisted Treatment and creating an exception to payment methodology that permits enhanced reimbursement for medication assisted treatment visits to encourage treatment of opioid use disorder.</p>	<p>Proposal</p> <p>Emergency</p>	Not before April 10, 2019	Emergency: 1-Oct-18	SUPPORT	<p>Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org</p>
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2	Potentially Preventable Readmissions Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0026 - The Health Care Authority (HCA) intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0025 to correct an inadvertent error in SPA 18-0003 (SPA 18-0003 was approved on April 23, 2018). In SPA 18-0003, the Authority inadvertently included a requirement that all psychiatric inpatient admissions must be prior authorized. This information is being removed because it is policy-level information that should be obtained from relevant Washington Administrative Code and billing guides.	Public notice dated May 16, 2018	N/A	1-Jul-18	SUPPORT	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org
2	Dental Managed Care Plans - FQHCs & Rural Health Services SSB 5883, Sec. 213(1)(c) - (2018) (WACs 182-548 and -549) - The Health Care Authority (HCA) is revising chapters 182-548 and 182-549 to reflect the changes being made to chapters 182-535 and 182-535A to comply with legislation in SSB 5883, Sec. 213(1)(c) regarding dental managed care plans.	Proposal	Not before March 27, 2019	N/A	MONITOR	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org
2	Rapid Health Information Network (RHINO) Emergency Department Patient Care Information SSB 5514 - (2017) (Title 246 WAC) - The Department of Health (DOH) is considering creating new rules to implement chapter 220, Laws of 2017 (SSB 5514), Emergency department patient care information—Department of health collection—Confidentiality, by establishing reporting and data release requirements for emergency department data collection. This data collection and release process is called syndromic surveillance. As required by SSB 5514, the department will consider current and emerging national standards when developing proposed rules.	Pre-Proposal	N/A	N/A	SUPPORT	Shirley Prasad Shirleypr@wsha.org
2	Single Bed Certification for LRA or Conditional Release Revocations (WAC 388-865-0526) - The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is planning to amend WAC 388-865-0526 "Single Bed Certification" to clarify that an individual with a less restrictive alternative order or conditional release revocation may be granted an exception to allow timely and appropriate treatment in a facility not certified under WAC 388-865-0500 as an Evaluation and Treatment facility.	Pre-proposal Emergency Adoption	N/A	N/A 8-Jun-18	SUPPORT	Jaclyn Greenberg jaclyng@wsha.org
2	Overpayment for Individual Providers (Ch. 388-71 WAC) - The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Aging and Long-Term Support Administration is adding a new overpayment section for individual providers to chapter 388-71 WAC to define the circumstances in which an Individual Provider is subject to an overpayment, clarify the department's authority to collect an overpayment, clarify an Individual Provider's right to an administrative hearing when they receive an overpayment notice, and provide information about how an Individual Provider requests an administrative hearing related to an overpayment.	Proposal	No earlier than November 28, 2018	N/A	NEUTRAL	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org
2	Exemptions for blood establishment registration - WAC 246-339-025 - Department of Health - Proposing to amend language to clarify which hospitals are exempt from registration requirements.	Proposal	2-Oct-18	N/A	MONITOR	Zosia Stanley zosias@wsha.org
2	Behavioral health services and problem gambling - The Health Care Authority is considering adopting new chapter of rules regarding behavioral health services and new section under WAC 182-100-0100 for problem gambling services. An emergency rule covering the same topics is currently in effect.	Pre-Proposal Emergency	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Jaclyn Greenberg jaclyng@wsha.org
2	Hospital Construction Review - The Department of Health (DOH) is considering amending licensing regulations to align with the 2018 federal and national construction standards, namely the Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI)'s Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities. According to the pre-proposal, adopting current standards would allow facilities to take advantage of newer construction methods. This change would also provide the opportunity to be consistent with widely-recognized standards that are vital to the health and safety of hospital patients and staff. A report detailing draft proposals in response to the initial draft of revisions to the WAC was recently released. (WAC 246-320-500 thru 600).	Pre-Proposal Report on Draft Proposals (10.18.18)	Intended: Spring 2019	N/A	MONITOR	Jaclyn Greenberg jaclyng@wsha.org
2	Fee structure for radiation machine facilities - The Department of Health is proposing a revision to the fee structure for registering selective radiation machine facilities, namely removing the flat fee structure, and making other housekeeping and technical corrections. With this change, all registrants will pay for their respective cost of the regulatory program. (246-224 WAC)	Proposal	Intended: Dec 11, 2018	N/A	NEUTRAL	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org

2	<p>L&I RULE - chapter 296-27 WAC, Recording and reporting. Once the new rule is effective, it will require certain employers (depending on size and industry type) to annually submit electronic injury and illness records to OSHA that they are already required to keep under the recordkeeping regulations.</p> <p>To ensure the completeness and accuracy of injury and illness data collected by employers and reported to OSHA, when the rule is effective it will also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require employers to establish reasonable procedures for employees to report occupational injuries and illness Require employers to inform employees of their right to report work-related injuries and illnesses free from retaliation; <p>Incorporate the existing statutory prohibition on retaliating against employees for reporting work-related injuries or illnesses</p>	<p>Draft language</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>Rulemaking info</p>	20-Aug-19	N/A	NEUTRAL	Eric Gutzwiller ericg@wsha.org
2	<p>Department of Social and Health Services - Aging and Long-Term Supports. The department is proposing amending sections of and adding new sections to Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), relating to Aging and Long-Term supports. The department is proposing to create new WAC sections in chapter 388-76 WAC "Adult Family Home Minimum Licensing Requirements" on requirements for notifying the department of information changes and creating a succession plan. It also amending several other WACs.</p>	<p>Proposal</p>	Not before July 10, 2019	N/A	SUPPORT	Zosia Stanley zosias@wsha.org
3	<p>Health Care Authority - 182-543-0500 General; 182-543-2000 Eligible providers and provider requirements; 182-543-5700 Medical equipment for clients in skilled nursing facilities; other related rules as appropriate. - The agency is amending these sections to clarify the requirements for qualified health care providers.</p>	<p>Pre-Proposal</p>	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org
3	<p>Health Care Authority - 182-552-140 - Respiratory care—Reimbursement—General; 182-552-1600, Respiratory care equipment and supplies— Reimbursement—Methodology for purchase, rental, and repair; other related rules as appropriate. The agency is amending these rules to align with section 503 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 and section 5002 of the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016, which added section 1903(i)(27) to the Social Security Act.</p>	<p>Pre-Proposal</p>	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org
3	<p>182-550-2590 Agency prior authorization requirements for Level 1 and Level 2 LTAC services; 182-550-2600 Inpatient psychiatric services; 182-550-2900 Payment limits – Inpatient hospital services; 182-550-4550 Administrative day rate and swing bed day rate; other related rules as appropriate. The agency is amending these 4550 Administrative day rate and swing bed day rate; other related rules as appropriate. The agency is amending these rules to clarify that pharmacy and pharmacy services may be billed when a client is admitted under administrative status for inpatient hospital stays.</p>	<p>Pre-Proposal</p>	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org
3	<p>Department of Health - Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission - WAC 246-840-035 Initial licensure for registered nurses. Regarding nurses who complete out-of-state nontraditional nursing education (Repeal). WAC 246-840-048 Students enrolled in a nontraditional nursing program (New). The Commission repeals WAC 246-840-035 because the legislature repealed the authorizing statute. The commission also creates a new section of rules addressing the needs of students effected by the repeal of RCW 18.79.380. Anticipated to be the last, this fifth emergency rulemaking, with the exact same rule language, replaces the fourth emergency rule filed on 11/06/2018 as WSR 18-22-114 that expires on 03/05/2019. Permanent rulemaking is nearing completion with a CR-101 filed on 02/23/2018 as WSR 18-06-009, a CR-102 filed on 11/28/2018 as WSR 18-24-049 with a public hearing on 1/11/2019, and a CR-103P progressing towards intended filing by early spring 2019.</p>	<p>Emergency</p>	5-Mar-19		MONITOR	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org
3	<p>DOH - Washington Medical Commission - Several sections within chapter 246-919 WAC have not been updated since 1996.</p> <p>Since then, several changes have occurred that may require rule revisions. The commission is considering updating rules to more closely align with current industry standards and provide clearer rules language for licensed allopathic physicians.</p>	<p>Pre-Proposal</p>			MONITOR	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org
3	<p>Health Care Authority - The agency is revising WAC 182-531-1600, Bariatric surgery, to reflect coverage changes made by the Health Technology Clinical Committee.</p>	<p>Pre-Proposal</p>			MONITOR	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org

3	<p>Department of Health - WAC 246-887-134 Adding fentanyl derivatives not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic cathinones, and synthetic opioids to Schedule I. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is adopting a new section of rule to add fentanyl derivatives not approved by the FDA, synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic cathinones, and synthetic opioids to Schedule 1 under the Uniform Controlled Substance Act (CSA) making it illegal to sell, possess, manufacture, or deliver chemicals or products containing these substances. This filing replaces and supersedes the emergency rule filed as WSR 18-16-098 filed on 7/31/2018, which expired on 11/29/2018. The requirements of this fifth emergency rule are the same as the requirements filed in previous emergency rule.</p>	Emergency		7-Jan-19	MONITOR	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org
3	<p>Department of Health -WAC 246-840-111, 246-840-120, 246-840-125, and 246-840-200 through 246-840-260. The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission is considering amendments to the continuing competency rules and requirements for active, inactive, expired, and retired active credential status.</p>	Pre-Proposal			MONITOR	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org
3	<p>Department of Health - WAC 246-840-300 ARNP scope of practice and WAC 246-840-700 through WAC 246-840-710 pertaining to nursing practice standards, and other related sections in chapter 246-840 WAC. The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering amending sections of the scope of practice and practice standard rules to improve clarity.</p>	Pre-Proposal			MONITOR	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org
3	<p>Department of Health - Chapter 246-854 WAC -- Osteopathic physician assistants. The Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (board) is considering establishing two new sections of rule to: 1) describe the process for issuing an expedited temporary practice permit to an osteopathic physician assistant (PA) applicant who is a spouse or registered domestic partner of a military service member, and 2) establish return to practice requirements for an osteopathic PA who has not been in practice for a certain period of time.</p>	Pre-Proposal			MONITOR	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org
3	<p>Washington Medical Commission. WAC 246-919-990 Physician and surgeon fees and renewal cycle and 246-918-990 Physician assistant fees and renewal cycle. Proposing to increase renewal fees and late renewal penalties for allopathic physicians and allopathic physician assistants.</p>	WSMA press release Proposal	17-May-19		NEUTRAL	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org
3	<p>Nursing scope of practice standards - WAC 246-840-300 ARNP scope of practice and WAC 246-840-700 through 246-840-710 pertaining to nursing practice standards, and other related sections in chapter 246-840 WAC, the nursing care quality assurance commission (commission) is considering amending sections of the scope of practice and practice standard rules to improve clarity.</p>	Pre-proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Lauren McDonald Laurenm@wsha.org
3	<p>Establishing pediatric transitional care facilities - The Department of Health (department) proposes to amend and add new sections to existing rules to establish licensure, construction requirements, and operational standards for pediatric transitional care facilities as directed by Substitute Senate Bill 5152 (chapter 168, laws of 2017). Pediatric transitional care facilities are an alternative to continued hospitalization, and support the infant and family's transition to care at home. According to the DOH, these rules are needed to set enforceable licensing, construction, staffing and operational requirements, and to establish the regulatory structure and specialized requirements for PTCS facilities to be licensed as an RTF.</p>	Proposal	Intended: December 1, 2018	N/A	SUPPORT	Jaclyn Greenberg jaclyng@wsha.org
3	<p>Licensing requirements for certified counselors or advisors - The Department of Health (department) received a rule petition asking the department to consider accepting education that may have been received outside of the bachelor's degree program as also meeting minimum education requirements for initial licensure as a certified counselor or adviser. The department has agreed to open a public discussion of this topic by filing this notice. (WAC 246-810-024)</p>	Pre-proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Ian Corbridge ianc@wsha.org
3	<p>Family Planning Only Program and TAKE CHARGE Program (WACs 182-532-700 to -790) - The Health Care Authority (HCA) is modifying the Family Planning Only Program and Take Charge Program sections to: (1) meet clinical standards, (2) align with current eligibility and provider enrollment policies, and (3) assure compliance with the recently approved federal extension of the Washington Family Planning Only Program (Demonstration Project) granted under the authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act.</p>	Pre-Proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Ian Corbridge ianc@wsha.org
3	<p>Reproductive Health Services (WACs 182-531-001 to -140) - The Health Care Authority (HCA) is modifying various Reproductive health sections to meet clinical standards and align with current eligibility and provider enrollment policies.</p>	Pre-proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Ian Corbridge ianc@wsha.org

3	Housing and Essential Needs Program ESHB 2667 - (2018) (Ch. 388-400 WAC) - The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Economic Services Administration, is proposing amendments which are necessary to comply with changes mandated by ESHB 2667 (2018 legislative session). These amendments expand eligibility criteria for a referral to the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program and clarify the eligibility process to support this change.	Pre-proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Ian Corbridge ianc@wsha.org
3	Psychiatric physician-related services and other professional mental health services - 182-531-1400 (SB Bill 5779) - Health Care Authority - Proposing to revise multiple Washington Apple Health rules regarding nonessential restrictions and limitations.	Proposal	N/A	N/A	SUPPORT	Jaclyn Greenberg jaclyng@wsha.org
3	Prior Authorization Consent Forms ("Written Acknowledgement") (WAC 182-531-0200) - The Health Care Authority (HCA) is amending this WAC to remove the reference to consent forms and replace with "written acknowledgement." This amendment will align WAC 182-531-0200 with 42 CFR 441.255(c), WAC 182-531-0050, RCW 7.70.060, and RCW 7.70.065. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.	Pre-proposal	N/A	N/A	NEUTRAL	Jaclyn Greenberg jaclyng@wsha.org
3	Medicare Supplement Coverage Application Requirements (WAC 182-13-040) - The Health Care Authority (HCA) will consider amendments to rules related to medicare supplement coverage application requirements for residents in WAC 182-13-040.	Proposal	Not before December 12, 2018	N/A	NEUTRAL	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org
3	Palliative Service for Adults - The Health Care Authority (HCA) is amending these rules to add palliative services for adults. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional changes that are required in order to improve clarity of update policy. (Ch. 182-551 WAC)	Pre-Proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Zosia Stanley zosias@wsha.org
3	Federal Medicare Savings Program (WAC 182-517-0100) - The Health Care Authority (HCA) is amending these rules to create a second eligibility methodology based on household size for the qualified Medicare beneficiary program. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional changes that are required to improve clarity or update policy.	Pre-proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Shirley Prasad shirleyp@wsha.org
3	Guardianship fees and related costs for long-term care for medicaid patients - WAC 388-79a-005 - The Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration is intending to revise this WAC to clarify that there are only 2 classes of clients with guardians, and not a third class of clients with guardians. There is a reading of the current WAC that would create this third class of people with guardians who would have no enumerated limits on fees or costs under the WAC.	Pre-Proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Zosia Stanley zosias@wsha.org
3	Radiation Protection - Radiation Machine Assembly; X-ray Facility (Chs. 246-224 and -254 WAC) - The Department of Health (DOH) is considering revising the fee structure for the registration of all X-ray radiation machines, which includes a facility base fee and a fee per tube and clarifying the definition of an "X-ray facility."	Proposal	Intended: Dec 11, 2018	N/A	NEUTRAL	Lauren McDonald laurenm@wsha.org
3	Dental Hygienists (Ch. 246-817-550) - The dental commission approved the attached proposed delegation to dental hygienists under general supervision rule on October 26, 2018. A CR102 will be filed to set a rule hearing date where stakeholder comments and potential adoption of the proposed rule will be considered	Pending proposal Pre-proposal	N/A	N/A	NEUTRAL	Lauren McDonald laurenm@wsha.org
3	Associated Health Plans - The federal association health plan rule allows new "Pathway 2" association health plans to file forms and rates with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner beginning September 1, 2018. There are no current state rate or form rules related to "Pathway 2" AHP filings. An emergency rule is needed to establish requirements for a rate and form filing that is unique to this new type of association health plan. This emergency rulemaking will ensure that regulations are in place in order to respond to and review "Pathway 2" association health plans filed with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner for sale in Washington state.	Emergency Rule	N/A	17-Dec-18	NEUTRAL	Shirley Prasad shirleyp@wsha.org
3	Continuing Requirements for providers - WAC 182-502-0016 - The agency is updating this section to provide notice to providers and support enforcement of compliance with state and federal requirements related to the operations of entities receiving more than \$5 million in Medicaid payments annually, including but not limited to such entities providing information about the False Claims Act and establishing written policies for employees. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.	Pre-proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org

3	<p>Health Care Authority - WAC 182-513-1100 Definitions related to long-term services and supports (LTSS); other related rules as appropriate. The agency is revising the definition of alternate living facility (ALF) to include staffed residential facility, group care facility for medically complex children, and children's state-operated living alternative.</p>	Pre-Proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Zosia Stanley zosias@wsha.org
3	<p>Health Care Authority - WAC 182-513-1340 - The agency is revising this rule to clarify excluded income requirements for Long-Term Care Services by removing the reference in subsection (1)(j) to child support received from a noncustodial parent. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.</p>	Pre-Proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org
3	<p>Federal Medicare Savings Program (WAC 182-517-0100) - The Health Care Authority (HCA) is amending these rules to create a second eligibility methodology based on household size for the qualified Medicare beneficiary program.</p>	Proposal	N/A	Not sooner than March 13, 2019	MONITOR	Shirley Prasad shirleyp@wsha.org
3	<p>Health Care Authority - WAC 182-501-0125 Advance directives - The agency is amending this rule to update and replace references to health maintenance organizations (HMOs) with current terminology.</p>	Pre-Proposal	N/A	N/A	MONITOR	Zosia Stanley zosias@wsha.org
3	<p>Chapter 246-440 WAC, Health care-associated infections reporting. The Department of Health (Department) is considering amending rules on health care associated infection (HAI) reporting requirements. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has updated its reporting requirements and established separate requirements by type of hospital rather than the generic reporting of the same requirements by all hospitals as has previously been the case in Washington State. Updated hospital reporting requirements may be needed to align with new CMS changes.</p>	Pre-Proposal	N/A	N/A	NEUTRAL	Jaclyn Greenberg jaclyng@wsha.org
3	<p>Health Care Authority - WAC 182-501-0060, Health care coverage—Program benefit packages—Scope of service categories and WAC 182-501-0065, Health care coverage—Description of service categories - The agency is revising WAC 182-501-0060 and 182-501-0065 to reflect new coverage for hearing hardware for clients age 21 and older effective January 1, 2019. The agency is also updating the table in WAC 182-501-0060 and the description of service categories in WAC 182-501-0065 to reflect current agency policy.</p>	Proposal	Not before June 5, 2019	N/A	NEUTRAL	Andrew Busz andrewb@wsha.org