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Effective date of rule:

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☒ 31 days after filing.

☐ Other (specify) _____ **(If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)**

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: 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.

The Department of Health (department) is adopting 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) increasing the surcharge that supports the WPHP. The increase in the surcharge is needed to keep up with the cost of administering the program. The department is also adopting an amendment to WAC 246-828-990 to correct an error in the fee table to ensure it accurately reflects the HEAL-WA fee assessed on the speech-language pathologist inactive license.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
Repealed: None
Amended: WAC 246-817-990, 246-853-990, 246-918-990, 246-919-990, 246-922-990, 246-933-990, and 246-828-990
Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.71.310, 18.71A.020, 18.57.015, 18.22.250, 18.32.534, 18.92.047, and 43.70.110

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-24-026 on 11/22/24 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: No changes were made.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note. A section may be counted in more than one category.

The 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Federal statute:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Federal rules or standards:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	0	Amended	6	Repealed	0

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0

The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

	New	0	Amended	1	Repealed	0

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0

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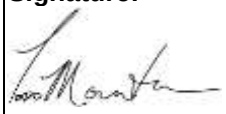
Negotiated rule making:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Pilot rule making:	New	0	Amended	0	Repealed	0
Other alternative rule making:	New	0	Amended	7	Repealed	0

Date Adopted: March 17, 2025

Name: Todd Mountin, PMP for Jessica Todorovich, MS

Title: Deputy Chief of Policy for Acting Secretary of Health

Signature:



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 23-07-057, filed 3/9/23, effective 6/1/23)

WAC 246-828-990 Hearing aid specialist, audiologist, speech-language pathologist, and speech-language pathology assistant fees and renewal cycle. (1) Credentials must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in WAC 246-12-030.

(2) Practitioners must pay the following nonrefundable fees:

Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist	
Fee Type:	**Fee**
Interim permit	
Application	$165.00
Permit	140.00
Initial license	
Application and license	175.00
HEAL-WA* surcharge	16.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	45.00
Late renewal penalty	45.00
HEAL-WA* surcharge	16.00
Expired license reissuance	140.00
Inactive license	
Renewal	60.00
HEAL-WA* surcharge	16.00
Expired license reissuance	90.00
Verification of license	25.00
Duplicate license	10.00

* Surcharge applies to speech-language pathologists only. HEAL-WA is the health resources for Washington online library. See RCW 43.70.110.

Hearing Aid Specialist	
Fee Type:	**Fee**
Initial license	
Application and license	$175.00
Hearing aid specialist practical exam for Washington hearing society applicants	350.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	45.00
Late renewal penalty	45.00
Expired license reissuance	136.00
Inactive license renewal	
Renewal	56.00
Expired license reissuance	86.00
Verification of license	25.00
Duplicate license	10.00

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Fee Type:	**Fee**
Initial credential	
Application	$55.00
Active credential renewal	
Renewal	15.00
Late renewal penalty	15.00
Expired credential reissuance	50.00
Inactive credential renewal	
Renewal	50.00
Expired credential reissuance	50.00
Verification of credential	25.00
Duplicate credential	10.00

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-14-032, filed 6/25/24, effective 7/26/24)

WAC 246-853-990 Osteopathic fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the physician's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, except postgraduate training limited licenses.

(2) Postgraduate training limited licenses must be renewed every year to correspond to program dates.

(3) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for osteopathic physicians:

Title of Fee	Fee
Original application	
Endorsement application	$375.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	375.00
Late renewal penalty	190.00
Expired license reissuance	250.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance use disorder monitoring surcharge	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Inactive license renewal	
Renewal	310.00
Expired license reissuance	225.00
Late renewal penalty	155.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance use disorder monitoring surcharge	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Retired active license renewal	
Renewal	195.00
Late renewal penalty	100.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance use disorder monitoring surcharge	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Endorsement/state exam application	500.00
Reexam	100.00
Verification of license	50.00
Limited license	
Application	285.00
Renewal	265.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance use disorder monitoring surcharge	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Temporary permit application	70.00
Duplicate certificate	20.00

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-21-052, filed 10/10/19, effective 2/1/20)

WAC 246-918-990 Physician assistants fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every two years on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(2) The applicant or licensee must pay the following nonrefundable fees:

Title of Fee	Fee
Physician assistants:	
Original application	
Application	$50.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	16.00
Washington physician health program surcharge	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Active license renewal	
Two-year renewal	247.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	32.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((~~100.00~~)) 140.00
Late renewal fee	124.00
Expired license reissuance	50.00
Retired active license renewal	
Two-year renewal	35.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((~~100.00~~)) 140.00
Late renewal fee	35.00
Duplicate license	15.00

* The Washington physician health program surcharge (RCW 18.71A.020(3)) is assessed at $((~~50.00~~)) 70.00 per year, and the University of Washington (UW) HEAL-WA web portal access fee (RCW 43.70.110) assessed at $16.00 per year.

** The Washington physician health program surcharge is assessed at $((~~50.00~~)) 70.00 per year.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-21-052, filed 10/10/19, effective 2/1/20)

WAC 246-919-990 Physician and surgeon fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every two years on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2, except postgraduate training limited licenses.

(2) Postgraduate training limited licenses must be renewed every year to correspond to the program's date.

(3) A retired active physician who resides and practices in Washington and obtains or renews a retired active license is exempt from all licensing fees except for the impaired physician program surcharge authorized by RCW 18.71.310.

(4) The applicants and licensees must pay the following nonrefundable fees:

Title of Fee	Fee
Original application	
Application	$425.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	16.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Active license renewal	
Two-year renewal	824.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	32.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((~~100.00~~)) 140.00
Late renewal penalty	300.00
Expired license reissuance	262.50
Retired active license renewal (resides and practices in-state per RCW 18.71.080 and 18.130.250)	
Two-year renewal (only includes Washington physician health program surcharge)**	((~~100.00~~)) 140.00
Retired active license renewal (does not meet in-state exemption)	
Two-year renewal	200.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	32.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((~~100.00~~)) 140.00
Late renewal penalty	100.00
Verification of license	50.00
Duplicate license	15.00
Temporary permit	50.00
Transitioning from postgraduate training limited license	
Application fee	100.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	16.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Postgraduate limited license: RCW 18.71.095 (One-year cycle)	

Title of Fee	Fee
Original application	
Application	325.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	16.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Limited license renewal (One-year cycle)	
Renewal	325.00
UW HEAL-WA surcharge*	16.00
Washington physician health program surcharge*	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Limited duplicate license	15.00

* The Washington physician health program surcharge (RCW 18.71.310(2)) is assessed at $((~~50.00~~)) 70.00 per year, and the University of Washington (UW) HEAL-WA web portal access fee (RCW 43.70.110) is assessed at $16.00 per year.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-22-051, filed 10/25/17, effective 2/1/18)

WAC 246-922-990 Podiatry fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2, except for postgraduate training limited licenses.

(2) Postgraduate training limited licenses must be renewed every year to correspond to program dates.

(3) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Title of Fee	Fee
Original application	
Application	$650.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance ((~~abuse~~)) use disorder monitoring surcharge	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Active license renewal	
Renewal	650.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance ((~~abuse~~)) use disorder monitoring surcharge	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Late renewal penalty	300.00
Expired license reissuance	300.00
Inactive license renewal	
Renewal	175.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance ((~~abuse~~)) use disorder monitoring surcharge	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Late renewal penalty	90.00
Expired license reissuance	70.00
Retired active license renewal	
Renewal	275.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance ((~~abuse~~)) use disorder monitoring surcharge	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Late renewal penalty	140.00
Postgraduate training license application	
Application	400.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Postgraduate training license renewal	
Renewal	475.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00
Substance ((~~abuse~~)) use disorder monitoring surcharge	((~~50.00~~)) 70.00
Temporary practice permit	50.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-08-066, filed 3/26/20, effective 7/1/20)

WAC 246-933-990 Veterinarian fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(2) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Title of Fee	Fee
Initial state license	
State jurisprudence examination (initial or retake)	$210.00
Application	145.00
UW online access surcharge (HEALWA)	16.00
Initial specialty license	
Application	140.00
UW online access surcharge (HEALWA)	16.00
Temporary permit	215.00
State or specialty license renewal	
Renewal	160.00
Impaired veterinarian assessment	((~~25.00~~)) 35.00
UW online access surcharge (HEALWA)	16.00
Late renewal penalty	80.00
Expired license reissuance	90.00
Retired active license and renewal	
Renewal	70.00
Impaired veterinarian assessment	((~~25.00~~)) 35.00
UW online access surcharge (HEALWA)	16.00
Late renewal penalty	50.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Verification of license	25.00

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 23-07-057, filed 3/9/23, effective 6/1/23)

WAC 246-817-990 Dentist fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, except faculty and resident licenses.

(2) Faculty and resident licenses must be renewed every year on July 1 as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC.

(3) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Title of Fee	Fee through December 31, 2025	Fee on and after January 1, 2026
Original application by examination*		
Initial application	$500.00	$500.00
Original application - Without examination		
Initial application	500.00	500.00
Initial license	500.00	500.00
Faculty license application	500.00	500.00
Resident license application	115.00	115.00
Active license renewal((:))		
Renewal	365.00	365.00
Surcharge - Impaired dentist	50.00	70.00
Late renewal penalty	185.00	185.00
Expired license reissuance	300.00	300.00
Inactive license renewal((:))		
Renewal	125.00	125.00
Surcharge - Impaired dentist	50.00	70.00
Late renewal penalty	50.00	50.00
Retired active license renewal		
Renewal	150.00	150.00
Surcharge - Impaired dentist	50.00	70.00
Late renewal penalty	75.00	75.00
Duplicate license	15.00	15.00
Certification of license	25.00	25.00
Anesthesia permit		
Initial application	150.00	150.00
Renewal - (Three-year renewal cycle)	160.00	160.00
Late renewal penalty	80.00	80.00
Expired permit reissuance	50.00	50.00
On-site inspection fee	To be determined by future rule adoption.	To be determined by future rule adoption.

* In addition to the initial application fee above, applicants for licensure via examination will be required to submit a separate application and examination fee directly to the dental testing agency accepted by the dental quality assurance commission.