



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

**CR-102 (June 2024)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.320)**  
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WSR 25-12-015

Agency: Department of Health

☒ Original Notice

☐ Supplemental Notice to WSR

☐ Continuance of WSR

☒ Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 24-16-084 ; or

☐ Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR \_\_\_\_\_; or

☐ Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or

☐ Proposal is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_\_.

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (describe subject) Chiropractic fees and renewal cycle updates. The Department of Health (department) in collaboration with the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is proposing amendments to WAC 246-808-990 to update chiropractic and X-ray technician licensure, registration, renewal, and other fees including clarifying updates.

## Hearing location(s):

| Date:        | Time:      | Location: (be specific)  | Comment:   |
|--------------|------------|--|--|
| July 8, 2025 | 11:00 a.m. | <b>Virtual Link:</b><br>Register in advance for this webinar:<br><br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6Aq2OT0iQyGj23IXIWbYMQ">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6Aq2OT0iQyGj23IXIWbYMQ</a><br><br>After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information. | The meeting will be held in virtual format. Comments may also be received in written format. |

**Date of intended adoption:** July 18, 2025 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

## Submit written comments to:

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Beginning (date and time) The date and time of filing  
By (date and time) July 8, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

## Assistance for persons with disabilities:

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Other  
By (date) June 24, 2025

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The proposed rule amends several fees which generate revenue for the chiropractic profession. To set fees appropriately, the department considers the financial forecast of the profession and sets a fee amount designed to align revenue with the cost of licensing and regulating the profession. Additionally, RCW 43.70.250 requires that the costs of licensing each profession be fully borne by members of the profession. Rulemaking is required to update fees for professions that do not have the appropriate fund balance to cover the cost of licensing the profession or are operating in excess of the needed amounts.

The proposed rulemaking is needed to maintain the appropriate balance amounts. The department is also proposing rule amendments for clarity and consistency.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** Current revenue is not sufficient to recover operating expenditures for the commission. State law, RCW 43.70.250 (License fees for professions, occupations, and businesses), requires fees to fully fund the work of licensing and regulating health care professions.

The commission ended fiscal year (FY) 2024 with a fund balance of \$95,000 and a revenue shortfall of \$403,000. The commission is forecasted to continue operating at a deficit, contributing to further decline of the fund balance through FY2032. Considering the commission's financial forecast, the department recommends a fee increase to bring revenue into alignment with the costs of licensing and regulating chiropractic.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 18.130.037, 43.70.110, 43.70.250, and 43.70.280

**Statute being implemented:** RCW 18.130.037, 43.70.110, 43.70.250, and 43.70.280

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

|                         |                              |  |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Federal Law?            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Federal Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| State Court Decision?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

If yes, CITATION:

**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:** None

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Department of Health

**Type of proponent:** ☐ Private. ☐ Public. ☒ Governmental.

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

|                 | Name      | Office Location                        | Phone        |
|-----------------|-----------|--|--------------|
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**Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under [RCW 28A.305.135](#)?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

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**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under [RCW 34.05.328](#)?**

☐ Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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☒ No: Please explain: The proposed rules amend and set fees and therefore are exempt under RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(vi) Rules that set or adjust fees pursuant to legislative standards. Further amendments provide clarification and therefore are exempt under -RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(iv), rules that clarify language without changing the effect of the rule.

## Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance \(ORIA\)](#) provides support in completing this part.

### (1) Identification of exemptions:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](#)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](#). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.061](#) because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by [RCW 34.05.313](#) before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of [RCW 15.65.570](#)(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

☒ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025](#)(3). Check all that apply:

☐ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(b)  
(Internal government operations)

☐ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(e)  
(Dictated by statute)

☐ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(c)  
(Incorporation by reference)

☒ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(f)  
(Set or adjust fees)

☒ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(d)  
(Correct or clarify language)

☐ [RCW 34.05.310](#) (4)(g)  
((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit)

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025](#)(4). (Does not affect small businesses).

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_\_.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule: As defined in RCW 34.05.310(4)(f), the department has determined that no Small Business Economic Impact Statement is required because the revisions are to set or adjust profession licensure fees not businesses or they clarify language under RCW 34.05.310(4)(d).

### (2) Scope of exemptions: *Check one.*

☒ The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. (*Skip section 3.*) Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.

☐ The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):

☐ The rule proposal: Is not exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) No exemptions were identified above.

### (3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*


If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

☐ No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs.

☐ Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

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|---|---|
| <b>Date:</b> May 22, 2025   | <b>Signature:</b>   |
| <b>Name:</b> Todd Mountin, PMP for Jessica Todorovich, MS           |  |
| <b>Title:</b> Deputy Chief of Policy for Acting Secretary of Health |   |

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-13-034, filed 6/12/19, effective 10/1/19)

**WAC 246-808-990 Chiropractic fees and renewal cycle.** (1) Licenses and registrations must be renewed on the practitioner's birthday every year as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC(~~(, Part 2)~~).

(2) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for chiropractic licensure:

| <b>Title of Fee</b>                             | <b>Fee</b>                             |
|---|--|
| <b>Original application</b>                     |  |
| Application                                     | \$625.00                               |
| Jurisprudence examination and reexamination     | 100.00                                 |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)                  | 16.00                                  |
| <b>Temporary practice permit</b>                |  |
| <del>((90-day))</del> Temporary practice permit | 105.00                                 |
| <b>Preceptorship - Initial and renewal</b>      | 155.00                                 |
| <u>Chiropractic preceptor change fee</u>        | <u>30.00</u>                           |
| <b>Active license renewal</b>                   |  |
| Renewal   | <del>((550.00))</del><br><u>800.00</u> |
| Late renewal penalty                            | <del>((225.00))</del><br><u>300.00</u> |
| Expired license reissuance                      | <del>((302.00))</del><br><u>300.00</u> |
| UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)                  | 16.00                                  |
| <b>Inactive license renewal</b>                 |  |
| Renewal   | <del>((257.00))</del><br><u>375.00</u> |
| <u>Late renewal penalty</u>                     | <u>190.00</u>                          |
| Expired license reissuance                      | <del>((157.00))</del><br><u>190.00</u> |
| <u>UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)</u>           | <u>16.00</u>                           |
| <b>Duplicate license</b>                        | 30.00                                  |
| <b>Verification of license</b>                  | 30.00                                  |

(3) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for chiropractic X-ray technician registration:

| <b>Title of Fee</b>                | <b>Fee</b>                             |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Application                        | <del>((135.00))</del><br><u>182.00</u> |
| <del>((Original registration</del> | <del>47.00))</del>                     |
| Renewal                            | <del>((90.00))</del><br><u>140.00</u>  |
| Late renewal penalty               | <del>((50.00))</del><br><u>70.00</u>   |
| Expired registration reissuance    | <del>((62.00))</del><br><u>70.00</u>   |
| Duplicate registration             | 30.00                                  |
| Verification of registration       | 30.00                                  |