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Volunteers needed to fill vacancies on state health boards and commissions

OLYMPIA — The state Department of Health is looking for volunteers to serve on the 26 boards, commissions, and advisory committees that oversee Washington’s health care providers.

The governor makes some appointments, while the secretary of health makes others. Although many positions are reserved for members of the professions the groups administer, nearly a fifth of the 280-plus spots go to public members.

“Making sure patients get safe, appropriate treatment is our top priority,” said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. “This is a great opportunity for health professionals and private citizens to get involved in that. It’s an essential part of our health care system.”

The professions range from head to toe – optometry to podiatry. They include such diverse occupations as massage, occupational therapy, dental hygiene, medicine, psychology, nursing, midwifery, pharmacy, and many more. Some groups have openings now; others hope to develop fields of qualified candidates for openings that come up in the future.

Appointees must be U.S. citizens who live in Washington. Members must attend meetings, some regular and others as needed. The schedule varies depending on the group. Members get compensation for travel, meeting attendance, and related expenses.

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