



Residential Care Service Program Update

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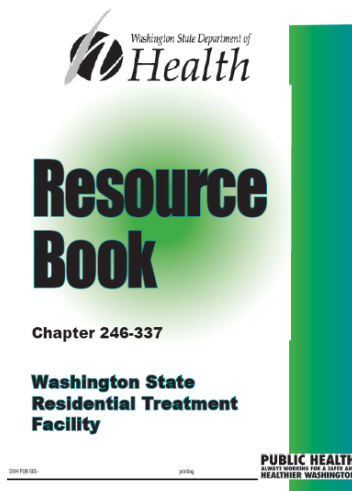
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New Prescription Legibility Requirements

To reduce medication errors a new Pharmacy law was passed by the legislature. As of June 7, 2006 all prescriptions must be hand printed, typewritten or electronically generated. Cursive writing will be considered illegible pursuant to RCW 69.41.010(11) & 69.41.120. All practitioners with prescriptive authority have been notified of this change.



Resource Book

The Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) Resource Book will be available on-line (web), electronically (disk) and in print format in November 2006. This book is a tool to help licensees understand and meet the RTF RCW 71.12 and WAC 246-337.

New Facilities and Services Licensing Director

As of July 24, 2006 you will see a new authorization signature on your license. Steven M. Saxe, FACHE was appointed Director of HSQA, Facilities and Services Licensing. Steven is a licensed pharmacist and most recently was the HPQA Executive Director of the Pharmacy Board.

Pandemic Flu

Please checkout website <http://www.doh.wa.gov/panflu> and follow the links for tips to prepare for Pandemic Flu.



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Fee Changes

Watch for fee increases on your next renewal. WAC 246-337-990 Residential Treatment facilities licensing fees have increased. A proposal was sent to all licensees, comments were collected and reviewed at a public hearing that was held August 22, 2006. The new fee rules become effective November 18, 2006.

Revised Fee Schedule

Initial Application

\$155.00

License Bed Fee (per bed)

\$144.60

Annual renewal fee (per bed)

\$144.60

Late fee (per bed)

\$25.00 (up to \$500.00)

Follow-up Compliance or Substantiated Complaint Survey

\$1000.00

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Would you like to be on our Interested Parties List?

To be notified by email about important information regarding the Residential Care Services program, sign up online at

http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/FSL/arcs/RCS/rtf_main.htm
click on Interested Parties and enter your email address.