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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
*Olympia, Washington 98504*

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**To:** Interested Persons  
**From:** Bonnie King, Director Health Professions Quality Assurance  
**Subject:** Update on Rulemaking Regarding Mandatory Reporting

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**Background:**

The Department of Health (DOH) is developing rules to implement Section 8 of 4<sup>th</sup> Substitute House Bill 1103 (4SHB1103). The new law adds reporting requirements. The requirements cover health care practitioners who commit unprofessional conduct or who are unable to practice safely.

The Department recently adopted mandatory reporting rules because of Substitute House Bill 2974 that amended RCW 18.130.070. Additional rulemaking is now required to add the new reporting requirements from 4SHB1103.

**What happens next?**

- DOH will hold the first stakeholder and interested persons workshop on April 29, 2008. The meeting will be held 2:00–4:00 p.m. in Rooms 152 and 153 of Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Rd. SE, Tumwater, Washington. Directions to the building are available at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/DOHDirections/PointPlaza.htm>. You may also send written comments by e-mail to [margaret.gilbert@doh.wa.gov](mailto:margaret.gilbert@doh.wa.gov).
- DOH is updating its Mandatory Reporting web page to include information about the new rulemaking process. Updates should be available by the end of April 2008. <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/hpqa/HPQAManRep/HPQAManRep.htm>

Please contact Margaret Gilbert if you have questions, wish to submit comments, or want to be included on an interested persons' list for email notifications about the rules. Margaret can be reached at 360.236.4913 office, 360.236.4930 fax, or by e-mail at: [margaret.gilbert@doh.wa.gov](mailto:margaret.gilbert@doh.wa.gov).

Persons on the interested persons list from the previous mandatory reporting rulemaking will remain on the list and do not need to sign up again.