



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF A
POLICY STATEMENT**

Title of Policy Statement: Organ Transport Services and Vehicles | EMS23-01

Issuing Entity: Department of Health

Subject Matter: Continuing organ transport services while the Department of Health conducts rulemaking to implement Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1271 (chapter 290, Laws of 2023) regarding Organ Transport Vehicles

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The scope of this policy is limited to currently operating organ transport services and organ transport vehicles in Washington state, to clarify that they may continue operating while rules are in development to implement the Department of Health's (department) licensing requirements under Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1271 (chapter 290, Laws of 2023).

SHB 1271 became effective July 23, 2023. It provides that the department must license organ transport services and vehicles designated as organ transport vehicles for a period of two years, subject to renewal and revocation. The department is required to prescribe minimum requirements for licensing organ transport services and organ transport vehicles. It must consult with the Department of Licensing (DOL) regarding the adoption of rules to implement requirements for organ transport services licensing.

The department filed a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry to initiate the rulemaking process on August 15, 2023, as WSR 23-17-070.

In order to help ensure the continued operation of organ transport services and vehicles in Washington state while the rules are developed, the department will not take enforcement action against currently operating organ transport services that are not yet licensed or currently operating organ transport vehicles that are not yet licensed, while the rulemaking is in progress. Organ transport services and vehicles must comply with all other applicable provisions of SHB 1271 and existing Department of Health statutes and rules.

This policy statement will expire on the same date that the department's implementing rules become effective.