



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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**Agency:** Department of Health

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

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**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

Yes  No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** WAC 246-320-199, 246-322-990, and 246-324-990 Hospital fees. The Department of Health is amending rules to increase initial license and annual fees for acute care, psychiatric, and alcohol and chemical dependency hospitals.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New: None

Repealed: None

Amended: WAC 246-320-199, 246-322-990, and 246-324-990

Suspended: None

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 43.70.250

**Other authority:** RCW 43.70.250

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 19-11-117 on 05/22/2019 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

Federal statute:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>3</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

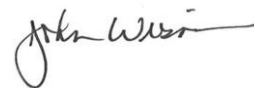
Negotiated rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Pilot rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Other alternative rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>3</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

**Date Adopted:** 07/26/2019

**Name:** John Wiesman, DrPH, MPH

**Title:** Secretary of Health

**Signature:**



**WAC 246-322-990 Private psychiatric hospital fees.** This section establishes the initial licensure and annual fees for private psychiatric hospitals licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW.

(1) Applicants and licensees shall:

(a) Submit to the department an initial licensure fee of ~~((eighty-five))~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars for each bed space within the licensed bed capacity of the hospital to the department;

(b) Submit to the department an annual fee of ~~((eighty-five))~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars for each bed space within the licensed bed capacity of the hospital to the department;

(c) Include all bed spaces and rooms complying with physical plant and movable equipment requirements of this chapter for twenty-four-hour assigned patient rooms;

(d) Include bed spaces assigned for less than twenty-four-hour patient use as part of the licensed bed capacity when:

(i) Physical plant requirements of this chapter are met without movable equipment; and

(ii) The private psychiatric hospital currently possesses the required movable equipment and certifies this fact to the department ~~((+))~~.

(e) Limit licensed bed spaces as required under chapter 70.38 RCW;

(f) Submit applications for bed additions to the department for review and approval under chapter 70.38 RCW subsequent to department establishment of the private psychiatric hospital's licensed bed capacity;

(g) Set up twenty-four-hour assigned patient beds only within the licensed bed capacity approved by the department.

(2) Refunds. The department shall refund fees paid by the applicant for initial licensure if:

(a) The department has received the application but has not conducted an on-site survey or provided technical assistance, the department will refund two-thirds of the fees paid, less a fifty dollar processing fee.

(b) The department has received the application and has conducted an on-site survey or provided technical assistance, the department will refund one-third of the fees paid, less a fifty dollar processing fee.

(c) The department will not refund fees if:

(i) The department has performed more than one on-site visit for any purpose;

(ii) One year has elapsed since an initial licensure application is received by the department, and the department has not issued the license because the applicant has failed to complete requirements for licensure; or

(iii) The amount to be refunded as calculated by (a) or (b) of this subsection is ten dollars or less.

**WAC 246-324-990 Fees.** This section establishes the initial licensure and annual fees for private alcohol and chemical dependency hospitals licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW.

(1) Applicants and licensees shall submit to the department:

(a) An initial licensure fee of (~~eighty-five~~) one hundred thirty-five dollars for each bed space within the proposed licensed bed capacity; and

(b) An annual fee of (~~eighty-five~~) one hundred thirty-five dollars for each licensed bed space.

(2) Refunds. The department shall refund fees paid by the applicant for initial licensure if:

(a) The department has received an application but has not conducted an on-site survey or provided technical assistance, the department will refund two-thirds of the fees paid, less a fifty dollar processing fee.

(b) The department has received an application and has conducted an on-site survey or provided technical assistance, the department will refund one-third of the fees paid, less a fifty dollar processing fee.

(c) The department will not refund fees if:

(i) The department has conducted more than one on-site visit for any purpose;

(ii) One year has elapsed since an initial licensure application is received by the department, and the department has not issued the license because applicant has failed to complete requirements for licensure; or

(iii) The amount to be refunded as calculated by (a) or (b) of this subsection is ten dollars or less.

**WAC 246-320-199 Fees.** This section establishes the initial licensure and annual fees for hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW. The license must be renewed every three years.

(1) Applicants and licensees shall submit to the department:

(a) An initial license fee of (~~one hundred thirty-eight~~) two hundred twenty dollars for each bed space within the authorized bed capacity for the hospital;

(b) An annual fee of (~~one hundred thirty-eight~~) two hundred twenty dollars for each bed space within the authorized bed capacity of the hospital by November 30th of the year.

(2) As used in this section, a bed space:

(a) Includes all bed spaces in rooms complying with physical plant and movable equipment requirements of this chapter for twenty-four-hour assigned patient care;

(b) Includes level 2 and 3 bassinet spaces;

(c) Includes bed spaces assigned for less than twenty-four-hour patient use as part of the licensed bed capacity when:

(i) Physical plant requirements of this chapter are met without movable equipment; and

(ii) The hospital currently possesses the required movable equipment and certifies this fact to the department.

(d) Excludes all normal infant bassinets;

(e) Excludes beds banked as authorized by certificate of need under chapter 70.38 RCW.

(3) A licensee shall submit to the department a late fee in the amount of one hundred dollars per day whenever the annual use fee is not paid by November 30. The total late fee will not exceed twelve hundred dollars.

(4) An applicant may request a refund for initial licensure as follows:

(a) Two-thirds of the initial fee paid after the department has received an application and not conducted an on-site survey or provided technical assistance; or

(b) One-third of the initial fee paid after the department has received an application and conducted either an on-site survey or provided technical assistance but not issued a license.