### Agency:
Department of Health

### Effective date of rule:
| Permanent Rules | 31 days after filing. | Other (specify) | 06/01/2018 (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below) |

### Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?
- Yes
- No

### Purpose:
WAC 246-834-990 Midwifery fees and renewal cycle. The amended rule increases initial application, renewal, and late renewal penalty fees to bring licensing fee revenues into closer alignment with the actual costs of regulating this profession, while bringing year-end fund balances nearer to a level needed to cover unanticipated expenses over a ten-year period. Current licensing revenues are lower than the annual cost of regulating the profession plus an amount needed for an appropriate annual fund balance. The adopted increased fee levels will allow reserves, which are used to cover unanticipated events such as increased disciplinary costs, to rise to a more desirable level, while bringing in additional revenue to assist in covering the expense of administering the program. The rule also updates language, and the duplicate license amount to be consistent with other fee rules.

### Citation of rules affected by this order:
- New: None
- Repealed: None
- Amended: WAC 246-834-990
- Suspended: None

### Statutory authority for adoption:
RCW 43.70.250 and RCW 43.70.280

### Other authority:

#### PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)
- Adopted under notice filed as WSR 17-23-121 on 11/17/2017 (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:

- Name:
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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Federal statute:  New 0  Amended 0  Repealed 0
Federal rules or standards: New 0  Amended 0  Repealed 0
Recently enacted state statutes: New 0  Amended 0  Repealed 0

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

New 0  Amended 0  Repealed 0

The number of sections adopted in the agency’s own initiative:

New 0  Amended 0  Repealed 0

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New 0  Amended 1  Repealed 0

The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making: New 0  Amended 0  Repealed 0
Pilot rule making: New 0  Amended 0  Repealed 0
Other alternative rule making: New 0  Amended 1  Repealed 0

Date Adopted: 02/05/2018
Name: John Wiesman, DrPH, MPH
Title: Secretary of Health

Signature:  

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-15-024, filed 7/7/17, effective 8/7/17)

WAC 246-834-990 Midwifery fees and renewal cycle. (1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.
   (2) The following fees are nonrefundable:

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