RULE-MAKING ORDER

Agency: Department of Health - Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Effective date of rule:
- Permanent Rules
  - 31 days after filing.
  - Other (specify) (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
  If Yes, explain:

Purpose: WAC 246-817-310 Maintenance and retention of records (amended), and new WAC 246-817-304, 246-817-305, and 246-817-315 for dental treatment record content, retention, accessibility, and business record accessibility. The rules move business record requirements and more thoroughly detail the information that must be included in patient records. It also extends the length of time patient records must be retained, from 5 years to 6 years for all patients.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:
- Repealed: None
- Amended: WAC 246-817-310
- Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.32.0365 and 18.32.655

Other authority: RCW 18.32.002

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)
- Adopted under notice filed as WSR 15-24-118 on 12/01/2015 (date).
- Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: WAC 246-817-304 - editing changes WAC 246-817-305 - editing changes and deletion of the word "treatment" in subsection (4) WAC 246-817-310 - added "from a patient" in subsection (2) WAC 246-817-315 - changed first sentence to read "If requested as part of an investigation authorized by the secretary" and changed "relating" to "governing" in subsection (2)

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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