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UPDATED PHARMACY RULES & SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1720, MEDICATION ASSISTANCE INTERESTED PARTIES MEETING

Dear Administrator/Provider:

The Department of Social and Health Services (department) invites you to a webinar in January 2026. This session is intended to solicit feedback from interested parties on proposed draft rule language impacting Adult Family Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, Enhanced Services Facilities, and Nursing Homes.

The rulemaking project addresses two key areas:

1. **Updated Pharmacy Codes:** Replacing repealed WAC 246-865 and WAC 246-888 references with updated Chapter 246-945 WAC.
2. **Medication Assistance Expansion:** Implementing language changes required by the passing of Substitute House Bill 1720 (SHB 1720), which expands the scope of medication assistance that non-practitioners can provide in community-based settings.

Interested Parties Meeting

- **Date/Time: Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 1:30 PM-3:30 PM** - Register here.
- **Topic:** Pharmacy rules update & SHB 1720 language updates

Interested Parties- We want to hear from you!

We are looking for external stakeholders that may be impacted or interested in participating in this rulemaking activity. Please review Dear Administrator/Provider Letter - 025-020 for additional information.

Internal department staff will coordinate with their Regional Administrators and Field Managers to provide any feedback on rulemaking projects.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Please provide a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Additionally, include a method we can contact you if further information is needed. We ask for at

least two weeks (14 days) advance notice. While last-minute requests will be considered, we cannot guarantee that they can be fulfilled.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Policy Unit at RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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