

WASHINGTON STATE PHARMACY QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

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Pharmacy Personnel Examinations and Procedures (CR-101) Filing

On April 27, 2026, the Washington State Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) filed a rules inquiry package (CR-101) under [Washington State Register \(WSR\) 26-10-009](#). The rule proposes to amend [Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\) 246-945-165](#) and [WAC 246-945-205](#)

and consider a new section(s) in Chapter 246-945 WAC to establish Commission-approved examinations for pharmacy technicians and pharmacists, as well as the process for reexamination as required by the [Revised Code of Washington \(RCW\) 18.64.080\(2\)](#).

Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Wholesalers (CR-101) Filing

On May 15, 2026, the Commission filed a rules inquiry package (CR-101) under [WSR 26-11-028](#). The rule proposes to amend [WAC 246-945-246](#) and [WAC 246-945-247](#) and consider adding a new section(s) in

Chapter 246-945 WAC to update and clarify the requirements for wholesalers and manufacturers, including virtual entities and over-the-counter-only wholesalers.

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Updates to Designated Nonnarcotic Stimulant Drugs (CR-101) Filing

On June 5, 2026, the Commission filed a rules inquiry package (CR-101) under [WSR 26-13-013](#). The rule proposes to amend [WAC 246-945-043](#) to update outdated references in the list of designated nonnarcotic stimulant drugs.

Withdrawal of CR-101 Alternate Distribution Models

The Commission withdrew the Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) for Transfer Practices for a Dispensed Prescription Drug for the Purpose of Re-Dispensing or Subsequent Administration to a Patient (Alternate Distribution Models), which was filed on October 3, 2023, and published in [WSR 23-20-115](#). The withdrawal memo was filed under [WSR 26-10-040](#).

Ancillary Utilization Plan Clarification (CR-102) Filing

On April 13, 2026, the Commission filed a rules proposal package (CR-102) under [WSR 26-09-060](#). The rule proposes to amend [WAC 246-945-410](#) to clarify that only pharmacies may submit an ancillary utilization plan, per [RCW 18.64A.040](#) and [RCW 18.64A.060](#), for approval by the Commission to utilize pharmacy ancillary personnel as defined in [RCW 18.64A.010\(5\)](#). The Commission held a public hearing on the proposed rule on May 28, 2026, during its regularly scheduled business meeting.

Mobile Opioid Treatment Program Units (CR-102) Filing

On April 21, 2026, the Commission filed a rules proposal package (CR-102) under [WSR 26-09-118](#). The rule proposes to amend [WAC 246-945-060](#) and [WAC 246-945-250](#) to add registration exemptions for mobile opioid treatment program units and amend facility requirements for other controlled substance registrants. The Commission held a public hearing on the proposed rule on May 28, 2026, during its regularly scheduled business meeting.

Accessible Prescription Labeling Program Refinement (CR-102) Filing

On May 29, 2026, the Commission filed a rules proposal package (CR-102) under [WSR 26-12-047](#). The rule proposes to amend [WAC 246-945-015](#) and [WAC 246-945-026](#) through [WAC 246-945-029](#) to refine the standards for dispensing practitioners and dispensing facilities subject to the Commission's prescription labeling accessibility rules. The Commission held a public hearing on the proposed rule on July 23, 2026, during its regularly scheduled business meeting.



Medication Assistance Expansion (CR-103P) Filing

On March 30, 2026, the Commission filed a rules adoption package (CR-103P) under [WSR 26-08-065](#) amending a section of [WAC 246-945-714 Medication Assistance by Nonpractitioners](#) to align Commission rules

with changes made to [RCW 69.41.010\(15\)](#) following the passage of [Substitute House Bill 1720](#) (Chapter 26, Laws of 2025). The rule took effect on April 30, 2026.

Incorporations by Reference (CR-103P) Filing

On June 9, 2026, the Commission filed a rules adoption package (CR-103P) under [WSR 26-13-027](#) updating the references that the Commission has incorporated

throughout Chapter 246-945 WAC to the most recent versions. The adopted rule amends [WAC 246-945-010](#), [WAC 246-945-030](#), [WAC 246-945-032](#), [WAC 246-945-](#)

[040](#), [WAC 246-945-550](#), [WAC 246-945-565](#), and [WAC 246-945-600](#) to update the incorporations by reference. The rule took effect on July 10, 2026.

UMPJE Adoption

[WAC 246-945-165](#) requires that an individual applying for a pharmacist license shall take and pass a pharmacy licensure examination and jurisprudence examination approved by the Commission. Historically, the jurisprudence examination approved by the Commission has been the Multistate Pharmacy

Jurisprudence Examination® (MPJE®). At its April 2, 2026 business meeting, the Commission voted to accept the Uniform MPJE™ (UMPJE™) and allow a 180-day transition period where both the MPJE and UMPJE will be accepted. The Commission will continue to accept a passing MPJE score taken on or before December 29, 2026,

but will only accept a passing UMPJE after that date.

In addition, at the April 2, 2026 business meeting, the Commission approved allowing students who are beginning their Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience training to take the UMPJE prior to graduation from pharmacy school.

Now Available – Accessible Prescription Labeling Program Signage Template

Following the completion of its [accessible labeling rulemaking](#) in January 2025, the Commission developed a signage template, per [WAC 246-945-029](#), for dispensing practitioners and dispensing

facilities to inform patients of the availability of interpretation and translation services. This template can be displayed to meet the signage requirement in [WAC 246-945-029\(3\)](#) or printed out and

provided to the patient to meet the notification requirement in [WAC 246-945-029\(4\)](#). The [template](#) is now available through the Commission's [Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines](#) web page.

Phishing Scams Continue to Target Licensees

Commission licensees continue to report being victimized by phishing scams. Contact the Commission directly at 360/236-4946 to confirm the validity of a suspicious call or email.

Techniques used by these individuals include the following:

- **Impersonation** – Spoofing the Commission’s phone number and pretending to represent the Commission, another government agency, or another pharmacy organization
- **Haste** – Insisting licensees click a link
- **Falsifying Information** – Claiming there is an issue

with the licensee’s insurance, payments, or license status

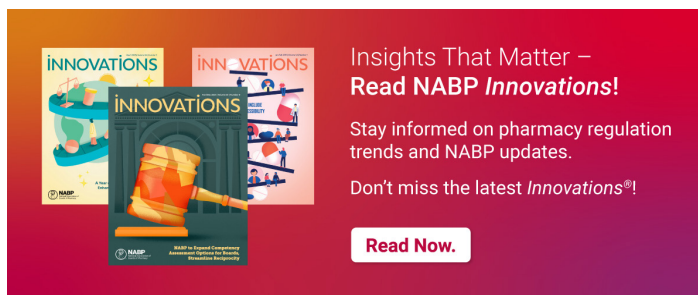
- **Threats** – Instructing a licensee not to report the call to anyone “or else you will jeopardize the investigation”

These are scams! In many cases, callers are attempting to extort money or elicit sensitive information, such as license numbers or Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration numbers, from licensees.

What can you do to protect yourself? Licensee security is important to the Commission.

- Contact the Commission at 360/236-4946 to confirm validity if you are suspicious.

- If you have any doubts or questions about someone claiming to represent DEA or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), report the call to [DEA’s Extortion Scam reporting program](#) or the [FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center](#).
- If the caller’s phone number appears to be a Commission phone number, report the call via the [Federal Communications Commission’s consumer complaint form](#).



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