



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SYSTEMS QUALITY ASSURANCE
PO Box 47850, Olympia, WA 98504-7850

Date: July 20, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing today to provide information about upcoming rulemaking regarding the development of standards for the licensure or certification of 23-hour crisis relief centers to implement [2SSB 5120](#) which passed in 2023.

Section Two of [2SSB 5120](#) directs the Department of Health (department) to adopt rules to develop standards for licensure or certification of this new type of facility that will provide mental health and substance use crisis response to adults for no more than 23 hours and 59 minutes at a time. [WAC 246-341-0200](#), [WAC 246-341-0901](#), and sections of [Chapter 246-341 WAC](#), including new sections as needed, may be amended as part of this rulemaking project. The department may also consider amendments to other behavioral health agency rules in [Chapter 246-341 WAC](#) to align with statutory changes passed by the 2023 Washington State Legislature, including [2SHB 1724](#).

For additional information and to provide written feedback, contact Dan Overton, Program Manager, at (360) 236-2953 or Dan.Overton@doh.wa.gov.

For tribal relations issues, please contact the department's Tribal Relations Director at DOHTribalRelations@doh.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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