


Policy Statement

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The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) will not enforce AIDS training and education requirements in chapter [246-12](#) WAC, Part 8 and profession-specific WACs while rules are being repealed to comply with legislation requested by the department that passed in 2020.

Effective June 11, 2020, the following laws are repealed as a result of [ESHB 1551](#):

RCW [70.24.260](#) Emergency medical personnel – Rules for AIDS education and training

RCW [70.24.270](#) Health professionals—Rules for AIDS education and training

RCW [70.24.310](#) Health care facility employees—Rules for AIDS education and training

As a result of these laws being repealed, the department will repeal chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8 – AIDS prevention and information education requirements. These rules detail the definitions, acceptable training and education, and documentation requirements for health professionals and employees concerning AIDS. Profession-specific rules include the number of hours of training required. The NCQAC will no longer require these rules in support of legislation and reducing stigma towards people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH).

When Washington adopted statutes concerning AIDS, very little was known about the disease compared to today. Now, AIDS is so treatable and preventable, Governor Inslee issued a [proclamation](#) in 2014 supporting [End AIDS Washington](#); a statewide initiative to reduce new HIV cases by 50% by the end of 2020. Part of this effort includes reducing stigma, which includes updating state law. ESHB 1551 repeals statutes concerning AIDS education and training for emergency medical personnel, health professionals, and health care facility employees helps reduce stigma towards PLWH by not singling out AIDS as an exceptional disease that requires specific training and education separate from other health conditions.

During the process of repealing rules, the requirements in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8 and the following WAC sections will not apply to applicants or licensees under the NCQAC authority:

WAC(s)	Profession
WAC 246-840-025(2)	Nursing Care
WAC 246-840-030(2)	Nursing Care
WAC 246-840-045(1)(d)	Nursing Care
WAC 246-840-090(6)	Nursing Care
WAC 246-840-539(6)(j)	Nursing Care
WAC 246-840-541(1)(m)	Nursing Care
WAC 246-840-860(3)	Nursing Care
WAC 246-840-905(2)(b)	Nursing Care
WAC 246-841-490(2)(a)	Nursing Assistants
WAC 246-841-578(4)	Nursing Assistants
WAC 246-841-585(1)(e) and (2)(e)	Nursing Assistants
WAC 246-841-610	Nursing Assistants

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