

**WAC 246-50-060 Public record disclosure.** A program plan and all supplemental material are public records and are subject to the Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW, once the department receives them. Health care entities submitting material they believe is exempt from public record disclosure should clearly mark the portion or portions as "exempt" and state the specific statutory basis for exemption. The department will notify the health care entity of a public record disclosure request for material the entity marked "exempt" in accordance with this section. The department will allow the health care entity ten work days from when it receives department notice to deliver to the department proof that the entity has initiated formal action to secure an injunction under RCW 42.56.540. Upon receiving such proof, the department will notify the public record requester of the action the health care entity initiated under RCW 42.56.540, and take no further action pending a decision by the court. The health care entity must notify the department if it withdraws or takes any other action to terminate the judicial process under RCW 42.56.540. Absent proof from the health care entity that it has initiated action under RCW 42.56.540, the department will disclose the records consistent with state and federal law.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.510 and 3.70.250(2). WSR 21-09-077, § 246-50-060, filed 4/20/21, effective 5/21/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.510, 70.41.200, 4.24.250. WSR 06-03-123, § 246-50-060, filed 1/18/06, effective 2/18/06.]