

**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

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Jack Louws
County Executive

**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2018-07**

Amendment to the 2017 Unified Fee Schedule

WHEREAS, the 2017 Unified Fee Schedule was adopted by County Council through Ordinance No. 2016-049; and

WHEREAS, the County Health Department has proposed changes to the 2017 Unified Fee Schedule that allow for fees commensurate with the costs associated with the development of a secure medicine return stewardship program as approved through Ordinance 2017-073 which established WCC 24.15.150, Secure Medicine Return; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 24.15.150 of the Whatcom County Code, a third party entity acting on behalf of producers participating in a stewardship plan, shall pay the health department fees related to:

- Review of a proposed stewardship plan;
- Review of a revision of an approved stewardship plan;
- Petition for approval to use alternative final disposal technologies;
- Agency activities to enforce against non-compliance;
- Annual operating fees and an evaluation.

WHEREAS, the County Executive is authorized by County Ordinance No. 2007-070 to make modifications to the Unified Fee Schedule by Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fees listed below are to be in effect beginning August 1, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR WHATCOM COUNTY, I HEREBY ORDER, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2018, THAT THE 2017 UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE SHALL BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FEES TO BE LISTED UNDER THE HEADING OF HEALTH:

UFS #	Description	Current Rate	Rate Basis	Proposed Rate	2018 Proposed Change
New	Initial Plan Review – Up to 50 hours	n/a	Per Initial Plan	\$6,300.	New Secure Medicine Return Plan Review in accordance w/WCC 24.15
New	Additional Review – Exceeding allotted hrs	n/a	Per additional hr.	\$126.	New Secure Medicine Return Plan Review in accordance w/WCC 24.15

DATED THIS 10th DAY OF ~~August~~, 2018.

September

Jack Louws, County Executive



Memorandum

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JACK LOUWS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
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TO: JACK LOUWS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

FROM: ^{ADD} Regina Delahunt, Director
Health Department

DATE: August 27, 2018

RE: Amendment to the 2018 Unified Fee Schedule to address WCC
24.15 – Secure Medicine Return

On December 5, 2017, Whatcom County adopted a secure medicine return ordinance, making Whatcom County the 10th jurisdiction in the country to have a widespread medicine return program paid for by pharmaceutical producers. In accordance with Section 24.15.150 of the Whatcom County Code, a third party entity (MedProject or its successor), acting on behalf of producers participating in a stewardship plan, shall pay the health department fees related to:

- Review of a proposed stewardship plan;
- Review of a revision of an approved stewardship plan;
- Petition for approval to use alternative final disposal technologies;
- Agency activities to enforce against non-compliance;
- Annual operating fees and an evaluation.

The Whatcom County 2018 Unified Fee Schedule will need to be amended to reflect the following fees:

Description	Fee
Initial Plan Review – up to 50 hours	\$6,300
Additional Review – Exceeding allotted hours	\$126 / hour

Other fees associated with secure medicine return program implementation and enforcement are included for Executive and Council/Health Board review in the proposed 2019-2020 Unified Fee Schedule. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Health Specialist, at extension #6036.

