WAC 182-526-0025 Use and location of the office of administrative hearings. (1) The health care authority (HCA) may use administrative law judges employed by the office of administrative hearings (OAH) to conduct administrative hearings and issue initial orders in accordance with RCW 34.05.425 (1)(c).

(2) In some situations, HCA may use presiding officers employed by HCA to conduct administrative hearings and issue final orders in accordance with RCW 34.05.425 (1)(a) and (b). When HCA uses HCA-employed presiding officers to conduct administrative hearings, HCA's presiding officer has all the duties and responsibilities set forth in this chapter relating to administrative law judges and the office of administrative hearings. The notice of hearing will identify whether the case is to be heard by OAH or an HCA-employed presiding officer.

(3) OAH headquarters location is:

Office of Administrative Hearings
2420 Bristol Court S.W.
P.O. Box 42488
Olympia, WA 98504-2488
360-407-2700 or 800-583-8271
fax: 360-664-8721

(4) OAH field offices are at the following locations:

Olympia
Office of Administrative Hearings
2420 Bristol Court S.W.
P.O. Box 42489
Olympia, WA 98504-2489
360-407-2700
1-800-583-8271
fax: 360-586-6563

Tacoma
Office of Administrative Hearings
4301 S. Pine Street, Suite 200
Tacoma, WA 98409
253-476-6888
fax: 253-593-2200

Spokane
Office of Administrative Hearings
16201 E. Indiana Avenue, Suite 3000
Spokane Valley, WA 99216
509-742-5747
fax: 509-456-3980

(5) All OAH facilities are closed to the public. Access is by appointment only. Contact OAH at the telephone numbers listed in subsection (4) of this section or by visiting OAH's website: oah.wa.gov/contact-us/offices-appointment-only.

(6) Contact the Olympia field office, under subsection (3) of this section, if unable to identify the correct field office.

(7) Further hearing information can be obtained at the OAH website: oah.wa.gov.

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2011 1st sp.s. c 15 § 53, chapters 74.09, 34.05 RCW, and 10-08 WAC. WSR 13-02-007, § 182-526-0025, filed 12/19/12, effective 2/1/13.]