

**WAC 182-16-064 Applicable rules and laws.** (1) An employing agency must apply public employees benefits board (PEBB) program rules adopted in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) and follow instructions from the authority.

(2) A presiding officer, reviewing officer or officers, or hearing officer must first apply the applicable PEBB program rules adopted in the WAC. If no PEBB program rule applies, the presiding officer, reviewing officer or officers, or hearing officer must decide the issue according to the best legal authority and reasoning available, including federal and Washington state constitutions, statutes, regulations, significant decisions indexed as described in WAC 182-16-130, and court decisions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 22-13-158 (Admin #2022-01), § 182-16-064, filed 6/21/22, effective 1/1/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, and PEBB policy resolutions. WSR 19-17-073 (Admin #2019-01), § 182-16-064, filed 8/20/19, effective 1/1/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 18-22-033 (Admin #2018-03), § 182-16-064, filed 10/29/18, effective 1/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.160 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4. WSR 14-20-058 (PEBB Admin 2014-02), § 182-16-064, filed 9/25/14, effective 1/1/15.]