

(Effective until January 1, 2025)

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(b) The request for a brief adjudicative proceeding from a retiree or self-pay subscriber must be received by the PEBB appeals unit no later than sixty days after the date of the denial notice. The contents of the request for a brief adjudicative proceeding are to be provided as described in WAC 182-16-2070.

(3) The PEBB appeals unit must notify the appellant in writing when the request for a brief adjudicative proceeding has been received.

(4) The brief adjudicative proceeding will be conducted by a presiding officer designated by the director.

(5) If a subscriber fails to timely request a brief adjudicative proceeding, the decision of the PEBB wellness incentive program contracted vendor becomes the authority's final order without further action.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 20-16-062 (Admin #2020-03), § 182-16-2040, filed 7/28/20, effective 1/1/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, and PEBB policy resolutions. WSR 19-17-073 (Admin #2019-01), § 182-16-2040, 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), § 182-16-2040, filed 10/29/18, effective 1/1/19.]

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