

WAC 284-170-441 Public statements regarding contract terminations. (1) In the case of a provider contract defined in RCW 48.43.732 that is expiring by its own terms or for which one party has given notice to the other party of an intended termination without cause in accordance with the terms of the provider contract, carriers, health care providers and health care facilities, and health care providers employed by, contracted with, or otherwise affiliated with a health care facility may not make or cause to be made public statements regarding such expiration or termination until 45 days prior to the expiration or termination date.

(2) This section does not apply to expirations or terminations that are:

- (a) For cause;
- (b) Due to the death of a provider;
- (c) Due to the permanent closure of a health care facility or the practice of a health care provider;
- (d) Due to the retirement of a health care provider.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060 and 48.43.732(5). WSR 26-01-200 (Matter R 2025-10), s 284-170-441, filed 12/23/25, effective 1/23/26.]