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Board holds hearing on sewage tank design rules; reconsider eye treatment for newborns

Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Cherberg Building, Senate Hearing Room 3, Capitol Campus, Capital Way, Olympia

At its October 14 meeting, the state Board of Health will hold a public hearing on a new rule that would govern sewage tank design and construction. It will also reconsider rule language concerning preventive eye treatment for newborns. This reconsideration is prompted by a national shortage of Erythromycin eye ointment. Proposed amendments would allow healthcare providers to use other treatments recommended by the CDC. Public testimony will be taken.

The Board will also discuss several other rules: water recreation facilities; HIV counseling, testing, and partner services; school immunizations; and birth certificate information requests. It will also decide whether to adopt a proposed strategic plan for the 2009-11 biennium.

The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide testimony on any public health issue at 2:35 p.m. Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the board at 360-236-4100 or on the [Board of Health Web site](http://www.sboh.wa.gov) (www.sboh.wa.gov). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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