



Memorandum

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
From: Champ Thomaskutty, Director – Health and Community Services
Subject: Washington State Department of Health – TB Medications Interlocal Agreement
Date: 5/26/2026

Attached is an interlocal agreement between Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Whatcom County for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to cover TB medications used to treat active TB disease in patients who are under- or uninsured or who lack prescription coverage and are not covered by Medicaid or Apple Health.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Compensation for the work provided in accordance with this agreement has been established under the terms of RCW 39.34.130. The parties have estimated that the cost of accomplishing the work herein will not exceed \$0.00 (see page 1 of the agreement). The DOH TB Program will provide without charge TB medications as listed on their current formulary to Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs). The formulary is posted on SharePoint. DOH will cover the cost of the medication, shipping, and pharmacy (see Exhibit A, page 8 of the agreement). Council approval is required per RCW 39.34 for agreements between public agencies.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new agreement; however, this medication program is ongoing. This agreement is to be updated on a 5-year cycle but updated/amended as needed based on DOH and/or Health Resources and Services Administration Office of Pharmacy Affairs (HRSA) 340B changing requirements.

Please contact Lela Riherd, Public Health Nurse Supervisor at 360-778-6152 (LRiherd@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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