



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2024-1894
Ordinance: 24-071

Type:

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Subject: Washington Emergency Medical Services Information Systems Data Sharing Agreement

Scope: The Snohomish County Health Department is seeking to enter into a data sharing agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for access to Washington Emergency Medical Services Information Systems (WEMSIS)¹ data. The agreement will allow the Health Department to view all of the numbers on the State's opioid dashboard. Small numbers are suppressed on the public-facing dashboard² to protect confidentiality. Under the terms of the agreement, Snohomish County is required to follow the DOH Small Numbers Guidelines in Appendix D to protect confidentiality.

Duration: Upon execution until August 31, 2027

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Future-Year N/A

No exchange of funds.

Authority Granted: Ordinance 24-071 authorizes the County Executive to Execute the data sharing agreement with the Washington State Department of Health.

Background: On October 25, 2023, Council approved Amended Ordinance 23-091³ providing access to ESSENCE syndromic surveillance data. This provides access to information for tracking outbreaks and emerging conditions, monitoring emergency department visits, and evaluating trends in opioid overdose incidents.

Requested Action: Move to the GLS agenda to set time and date for a Public Hearing.

¹ [Washington EMS Information System \(WEMSIS\) | Washington State Department of Health](#)

² [Opioid and Drug Use Data | Washington State Department of Health](#)

³ [2023-1034 - Amended Ordinance 23-091 \(legistar.com\)](#)