



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-0317
Ordinance: 25-005

Type:

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

Requested Handling:

- ☒ Normal – 3/7/2025
☐ Expedite
☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

- ☐ General Fund
☐ Other
☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

- ☒ Approve
☐ Do Not Approve
☐ N/A

Approved as to Form:

- ☒ Yes – Ordinance received legal review.
☐ No
☒ N/A – Form agreements do not receive legal review.

Subject:

Data Sharing Agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for CHARS and vital records datasets

Scope:

The Health Department is seeking to enter into an agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS) and vital records datasets.

Exhibit I describes how death data that will be used to build a chronic disease and injury prevention surveillance system. Anticipated results will be used to estimate trends in chronic disease, injury/violence, and hospital burden. This will be part of an ongoing chronic disease and injury prevention surveillance system.

Exhibit II shows planned uses of CHARS data for disease and injury prevention. Anticipated results will be to estimate trends in chronic disease, injury/violence, and hospital burden. This will be part of an ongoing chronic disease and injury prevention surveillance system.

Exhibit III describes how birth, fetal death, and infant death data will be used for general public health and prevention efforts through analysis and review of trends over time in births, maternal risk factors, and infant deaths in Snohomish County. This will help inform programmatic work related to maternal and child health in Snohomish County.

These data sets include confidential data. Appendix A authorizes proper uses of confidential data and describes penalties for unauthorized uses and disclosure. Appendix B shows Data Security Requirements.

Duration:

Execution through November 30, 2028

Fiscal Impact:

☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

There is no exchange of funds.

Authority Granted: Ordinance 25-005 authorizes the Executive to sign a data sharing agreement and any subsequent amendments.

Background: Council approved Ordinance 24-110¹ on January 8, 2025, authorizing execution of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Health for access to ESSENCE data.

¹ [05e6a700-6fca-4f25-b920-4754b88336b6.pdf](https://www.sno.wa.gov/05e6a700-6fca-4f25-b920-4754b88336b6.pdf)

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On November 27, 2024, Council approved Ordinance 24-092² authorizing execution of a data sharing agreement with Washington State Department of Health for access to the Washington Emergency Medical Services Information System.

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

² [2024-2623 - Ordinance 24-092](#)