

# Public comments

## Universal Health Care Commission

### About our public comment process

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Thank you for your interest in the Universal Health Care Commission meetings!

Public comments are very important to the Commission. We've reserved 15 minutes at the beginning of Commission meetings to hear public comments. If you are interested in providing public comment at the upcoming meeting, we encourage you to sign up!

### Sign up before the meeting

We will invite individuals who sign up before the meeting to speak in the order of sign up. Commenters who do not sign up will be able to provide comments if there's time remaining. If we cannot get to all public comments during a meeting, you can still submit written public comment by email.

The deadline to sign up to provide comments is **5 p.m. the day before the meeting**. To sign up, please email us at [hcauniversalhcc@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcauniversalhcc@hca.wa.gov).

### What to expect

You will have **90 seconds to share your comments**. However, this time may be reduced to 60 seconds if many public commenters sign up. This timing will be strictly enforced, and there will be a timer on the screen to help you keep track.

The public comment time is an opportunity for you to share directly with the Commission and to allow Commission members to hear from the public. Commission members will *not* respond to questions during this time.

Sometimes more people sign up to provide public comment than time allows. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to comment, we ask that:

- Public comments relate to the current materials. Comments relevant to the meeting topics will be more impactful on the Commission's discussions and decision making. Please visit the [meeting materials webpage](#) to learn what the Commission will discuss at their upcoming meeting.
- If you have provided public comment during a past meeting, consider submitting your comment in writing to allow someone else to speak.
- If you have changed your mind or will be unable to attend the meeting, please [email us](#) so we can take you off the list.

### Submit written comments

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Commission members will receive *all* written public comments in their meeting materials. To be included in the Commission meeting materials, submit your written comments at least **two weeks** prior to that meeting. Any comments not received by this deadline will be included in the Commission's meeting materials for the next meeting. To submit written comments, email us at [hcauniversalhcc@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcauniversalhcc@hca.wa.gov).

Thank you again for your participation! We look forward to hearing from you. To learn more about the Universal Health Care Commission, please [visit our website](#).