



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health- Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-817-550 Acts that may be performed by licensed dental hygienists under general supervision. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering adding certain tasks from WAC 246-817-520 to the list of allowable tasks that a dentist can delegate to dental hygienists under general supervision.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.32.0365 and 18.29.050

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The commission considered a rule request in July 2017 to allow dental hygienists to perform certain tasks listed in WAC 246-817-520 under general supervision. WAC 246-817-520 details what tasks dental assistants can perform under close supervision. Dental hygienists can also perform the same duties under close supervision. Close supervision requires the dentist to be physically present in the treatment facility during the performance of a delegated task while general supervision does not. The commission determined some tasks listed in WAC 246-817-520 may be allowed for dental hygienists under the general supervision of a dentist.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) Collaborative rule-making.

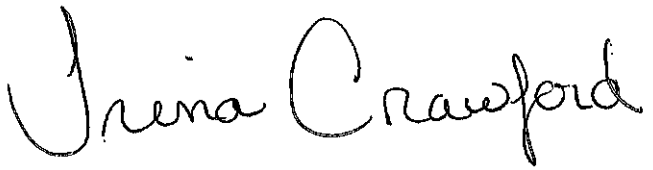
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Additional comments: Interested stakeholders may sign up for the dental commission or dental hygiene interested parties list GovDelivery at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. All rulemaking notices will be emailed to the dental commission and dental hygiene interested parties list, GovDelivery, Washington State Dental Association, and Washington Dental Hygienists' Association.

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