



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health—Washington Medical Commission

Subject of possible rule making: Allopathic physicians (MD) chapter rule review. The Washington Medical Commission (commission) is considering amending the following rules to modernize language, add clarity, and bring the rules more in line with current practice: WAC 246-919-010 through 246-919-520 and WAC 246-919-602 through 246-919-700.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.71.015 and 18.130.050

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The commission is considering updating rules to more closely align with current industry standards and provide clearer rules language for licensed allopathic physicians. In addition, RCW [43.70.041](#) requires the commission to review its administrative rules every five years to ensure that regulations are current and relevant. As part of this effort, the commission is also considering incorporating its interpretive statements into rule to provide greater clarity and consistency. Rule amendments being considered will potentially benefit the public's health by ensuring participating providers are informed and regulated by current national industry and best practice standards.

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 rulemaking

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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